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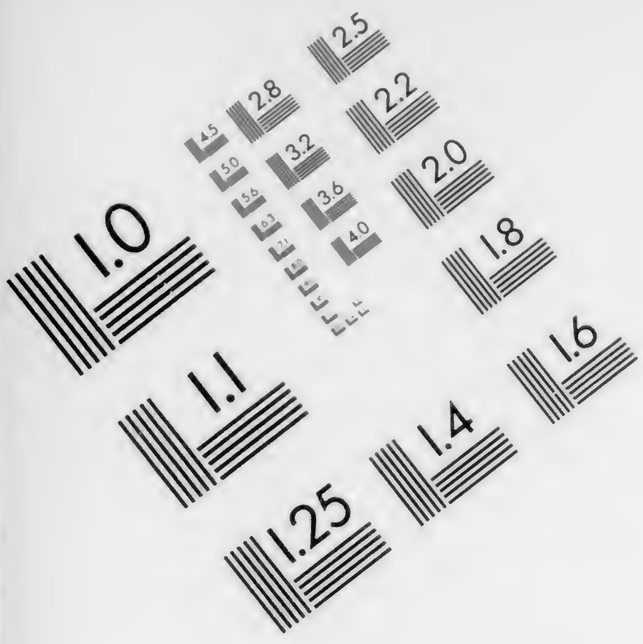
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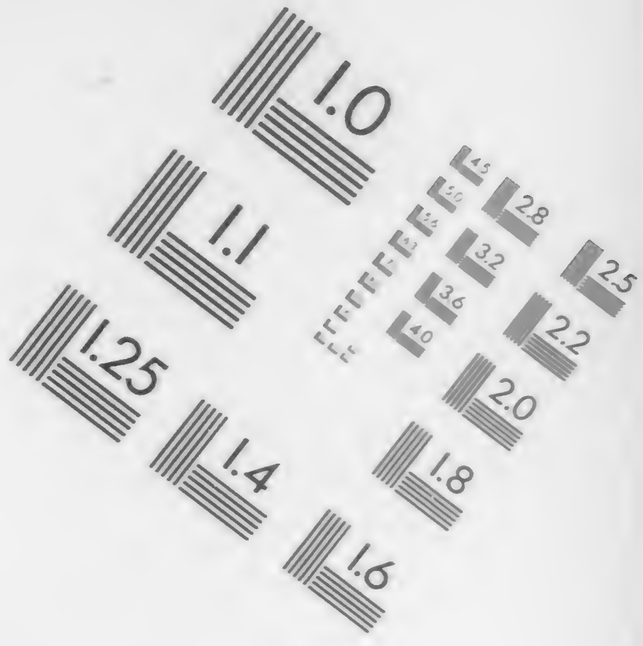


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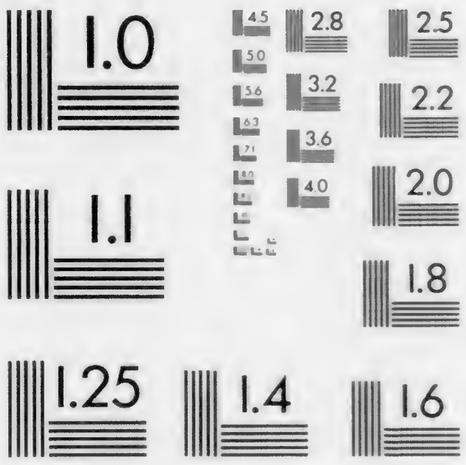
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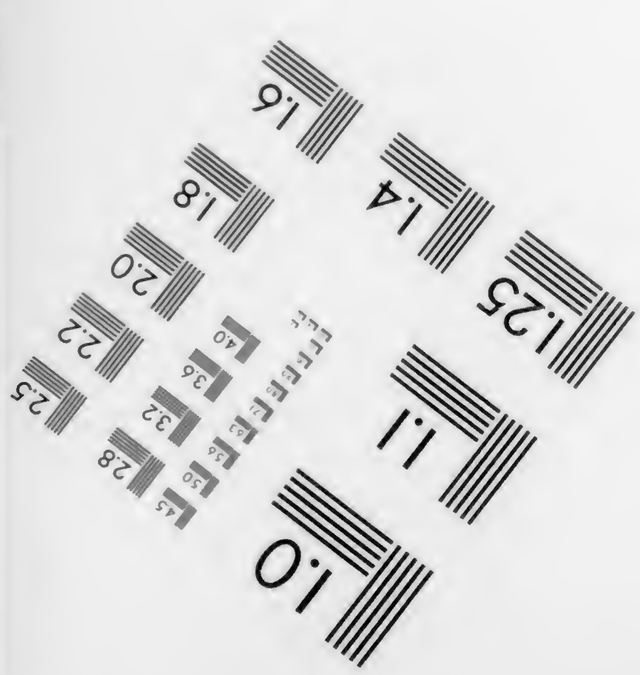


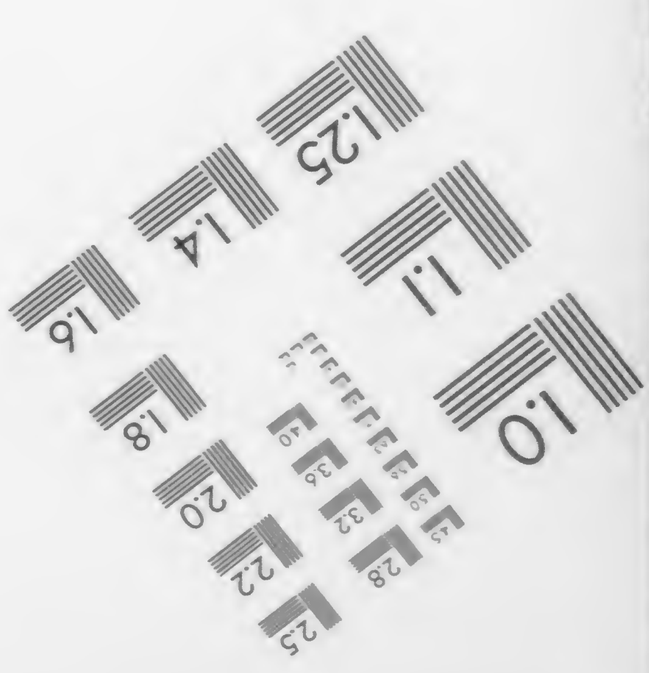
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Letter of Mar. 5, 1885 in Hopkins.
Trans on behalf of the American Museum of Natural History,
and as editor of the Auk.

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Cambridge. Jan. 7. 1883.

Dear Dr. Herman —

Yours of 6th from Washington was a surprise — I supposed you were on the briny deep!

In reference to M. G., the last two weeks have developed nothing new — not a word further has come to hand. But I may say that I do not expect to leave Cambridge till April, under any circumstances.

I send 'Ank' as arrived. The edition was sent to E. & L. Jan. 1. — not a copy having been seen by any body, last night I went in this morning & found that nothing had been done

Nothing I can say, a pleasant [illegible]

about sending them out!
This is simply an outrage, &
your Mayor & understand that &
to comprehend it. He promised it should go out today
& should be here right after this
for future.

How long will you be absent?
& how about minutes of last
meeting of Council? I meant
to write about this before but
forgot it. There will probably be a
meeting of Council on Feb. or
March. Decide on place of meeting
next year, accept "Code" or an
& print it, & attend to any other
matter of business that may
come up. How are we best
or without you? How you any
suggestions or business to suggest?

Cambridge. Jan. 10. 1885.

Dear Sir. Murray;—

Yours of 8th duly to hand. Am glad to know that the prospect is so good for getting a little cash from Bergen. Will do what I can to assist it into the proper channel. I think C. V. R. will be amenable to reason in the matter, & he shall certainly not go astray for want of advice. If I see any way of helping matters on.

Now as to your own position in the matter.— You have done so much & got the work so admirably under way, & know so well how to manage this great & important undertaking that it strikes be very forcibly that for our year more at least you should retain the reins, & get the return into worthy run-

way under. It seems to me that the credit of getting this business under way & thoroughly organized will be so great that you can well afford to make the necessary sacrifice for a while longer at least. If you should persumptiously decline, which I am glad you do not yet do, you & all men are the person who should nominate a successor to carry on the work, especially because no one so well knows the available material for properly filling the place of Chairman of this committee.

I have noted with surprise & chagrin the Ghost paper in the Harbor. It is lamentable, & I fear is but the shaw which shows the drift of the writer's present tendencies.

I think I can "understand", but doubt whether I had better do so! It only means that there is a little grudge, & just it nicely, that somebody feels hurt & laughs out, but does feel quite sure

whether it would be wise to do it!
You are assumed to be the instigator
& promoter of something in the way
of criticism that graced Aunt No. 1.
Besides that, you are supposed to
have aided in the defeat, in the Council,
of certain pet schemes of somebody, pub-
ely at both the U. E. meetings. (This is
all not so!) Our friend seems to
be on the rampage for blood, & is
not over-nice in his application to
get even with any & every one whom
he feels has ever done anything to
to thwart him. On the Sw. Warble
matter, he was mighty hot toward W.B.
till I showed him he was wholly in
the wrong, & so thoroughly won he con-
ceived it that he has made full
& ample apologies (through me) to
W. B. That matter is now smoothed
over all round, at least on the
surface, & both appear. He claims
an entire lapse of memory in regard

a certain conversation in our room at Ahotel in N.Y., which several of us heard + we well remember! W. B. accepts Explanations offered — but doubtless thinks his own thoughts.

Now about expenses for circulars, etc. for the Mfgrs. Comm. According to the letter of the law an estimate should have been made & the Council in advance, you remember, but circumstances have been such — no meeting of Council, etc. — that you could not have done otherwise this year, but I think it would be well for you to prepare & send in a statement of expenses incurred & probable needs for the rest of the year to the president of next meeting of the Council, which probably (but may not) be held before your return. Of course if Congress comes down with any thing like the 5 Mill. estimate there will be no need to make a draft on the A.O.U. treasury in this matter, but, in fear and from that

Grandin Jan 7

Cambridge, Mass.,
Feb. 18, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I have greatly enjoyed your kind letter of Feb. 14. which came to hand yesterday. Am very glad you find it so pleasant in Braunschweig, & that your stock story there is likely to be so profitable.

You say "Thanks for explanation I certain Washington matters". I think my letters to certain parties have had a good effect, & how some must belay dissatisfaction & jealousy. Everything now bears a very peaceful aspect.

I am glad you agree with me so well about the Supt. & the Regulation work, & feel quite happy over your

decision in the matter. (2

Now when will you be back?
It now seems best not to call a
meeting of the Council & Committee
on Nominat. & C. till some time in
April, owing in part to W. Bis-
sagements, & I wish you will be
back in time to meet with us. I
consider your presence on that oc-
casion of very great importance. In
case, however, you cannot be here
by the middle of April, & as the
place & time of holding the next
meeting of the A.O.U. will have to
be decided at the proposed meeting
of the Council, would it not be
well for you to send me statistics
of the vote on this subject as cast by
you. — i.e., the names of members
on place of past meeting.[5] After, since
me your own opinions, preferences,

& suggestions on that matter, and on any other matters of business that should come before us.

I have just finished writing out the Code, of which a type-written copy (in duplicate) is now being made at W. R's. I hope this part of the Committee's Rep. will be fully prepared at the next meeting of the Comm. (in April), & that the Council will accept it, so that we can begin to get it in type at once. While this is being put in type I hope some portion of the new Checklist will be finished, so that the printing of that can also follow in due time, & that the whole thing may be ready in time for the next meeting. It all depends now on the activity of R. R. & Dr. S., who are to work out all questions of typography.

The New York business is at last all satisfactorily settled — at least as satisfactorily as could be expected.

About a week ago I received notice of my appointment to the curatorship of birds & mammals, at a salary of 3M. per year. I asked 3500 & was offered 2500! which last sum I declined at once & consulted. Then was at first a hitch about dept. of Mam., which I will explain when we meet. All other details are satisfactory. I am to be directly responsible to Pres. & Trustees, with no intervening authority. A.S.B. has been deposed from his high position, & there is now no Office of Supt., this office having been abolished in toto. I am not to take upon my duties in N.Y. till about May 1st. This was in accordance with my own wishes. Some three weeks ago I was called on to N.Y. by Mr. J., when the details were practically settled, but it took two weeks to get the whole business duly red-tapped, & ratified by the B. of Trustees.

Thanks for the new subscribers to "The Auk." How (or will to) send the

address to E. H.—Shall be very happy to forward as many of my papers as I can find to Prof. Dr. Wh. Blasius, but it may be a few weeks before I can get at them, as most of them are stored with my books, which I shall soon get at toward preparatory to going to N. Y. I have no duplicate of the Principles, but will write to Washington to have a copy sent. It may be a month or more before I can mail my papers, but I will surely send them. I shall be only too glad to receive papers from Dr. B. in return, to whom my compliments.

Do you wish your Plattnerian paper to appear in April 'Ink'? The Mss. was given the printer for the Jan. No. & I forgot to withdraw it, although I gave orders not to have it set up. Last week, to my surprise, Wheeler set it up, but it can still be held back, if you so desire. (I enclose proof herewith,

+ please write me about this in the case.) Am taking him by the forelock this time, + have 1/3 of the funeral outfit already in hyth.

I feel greatly indebted to you for your nice long letter, + hope to hear from you as often as you can afford the time, + that you will keep me informed as to your movements.

She Cook seems to be doing better this year than last. I owe $400. already taken by E. + L.

Ever yours
J. A. Allen

Dr. S. has sent in another instalment of 'Analecta', but nothing on yet on Plumages.

American Ornithologists' Union.

Founded, New York, Sept. 26, 1883.

Cambridge, Mass., April 3. 1885.

Dear Sir:—

A meeting of the Council will be held in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, April 21, for the transaction of important business. Your attendance is earnestly desired.

Very truly yours

J. A. Allen

Pres. A.O.U.

To C. Hart Merriam, M.D.,
Secy + Treas. A.O.U.,

upon. — I shall in the memorable week it was my good fortune to spend at your home last fall! I can recall no week of more wholly unalloyed happiness! And I write of this now not so much to renew my thanks to you, or to beg you to give my kindest remembrances to your father & mother, whom to have met in this pleasant way I esteem to have been one of the most gratifying experiences of that long-to-be-remembered occasion.

Now a little more business! I have had a little pleasant correspondence with Prof. Riley about the appropriation, & all seems

w for as I understand the case,
will be deferred till you return
& the matter is laid before the
Council, which I have called
to meet in Washington on April
21. You must not fail to
be on hand, for this & other
matters will be greatly facilitated
by your presence on that occasion.
The Comm. on Command, will
meet on the 14th, & we hope
to be already to make a final
report to the Council. We have
invited in a few outside spe-
cialists — Dall, Jordan, Goode,
Bean, etc. — to hear & discuss the
Report in Committee, so we hope
& trust the thing thoroughly matured
& perfected. Hope you will

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reach the country early enough
to be with us. You should also
be in W. a day or two before
the Council meets to look after
the $5000. + to counsel with plans
for its expenditure, so that when
the Council meets we may know
just what we want to do +
try to do it. I think C. T. R. is
all right + can be depended upon.
The new Comm. of Agr. — I think
Coleman of St. Louis — will be
in power, + is a man who will
I think favorable to other schemes. But
you are the man to find out
the lay of the land — don't be
modest now in the matter — your
position as Chairman of the Nipr.
Comm. + Treas. of the C.P.R. makes
you the proper person + time you

the right to be on the Executive.

I did not answer your letter of March. 9, for your gave no definite address, therefore it seemed impossible that a letter would reach you.

W. B. & I for our probable on Monday even. April 13. As the Natl Head, meets here on the 23d shall probably stay till the 24th or 25th. — thought I know not how to spare so much time.

All goes well here, except that we have just lost a week by a hard cold.

Shall be delighted to welcome you back, rejoice with you over your pleasant and profitable time abroad.

As ever fraternally yours
J. D. Allen

Executive Committee meeting, April 7 and 8, 1925.

Cambridge, April 13. 1885.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

N. B. 19

start for Washington tomorrow night. As the Nat. Acad. meets on Tuesday the 21st. — the date on which meeting of Council is called — it would be better to have the Council meeting the day before, on Monday Apr. 20. Mr. G. K. L. & M. C. both write that they will be unable to be present, so if you can go on Sunday night, 19th, we can hold meeting of Council at 11 A.M. Monday, without conflict with any other disturbing interest. Prof. A. C. M. has kindly written me

that you are expected on the
18th. If you cannot meet
us on Monday in W. please
telegraph & we will postpone
Council meeting till you can
come.

All well.

Yours

J. A. Allen

J.A. Allen

1885

May 1, 1885.

I met J.A. Allen at Grand Central Station, New York, on his arrival from Cambridge, Mass., to accept head position in the American Museum of Natural History. — C. Hart Merriam —

R. I., May 24, 1885.

Dear Sr. Marcain:—

Many thanks

for opportunity to see the enclosed.

I think it does credit to you

boy, but if he attempts that

scheme he will find that he

literally makes a great omelette.

Without the assistance & backing

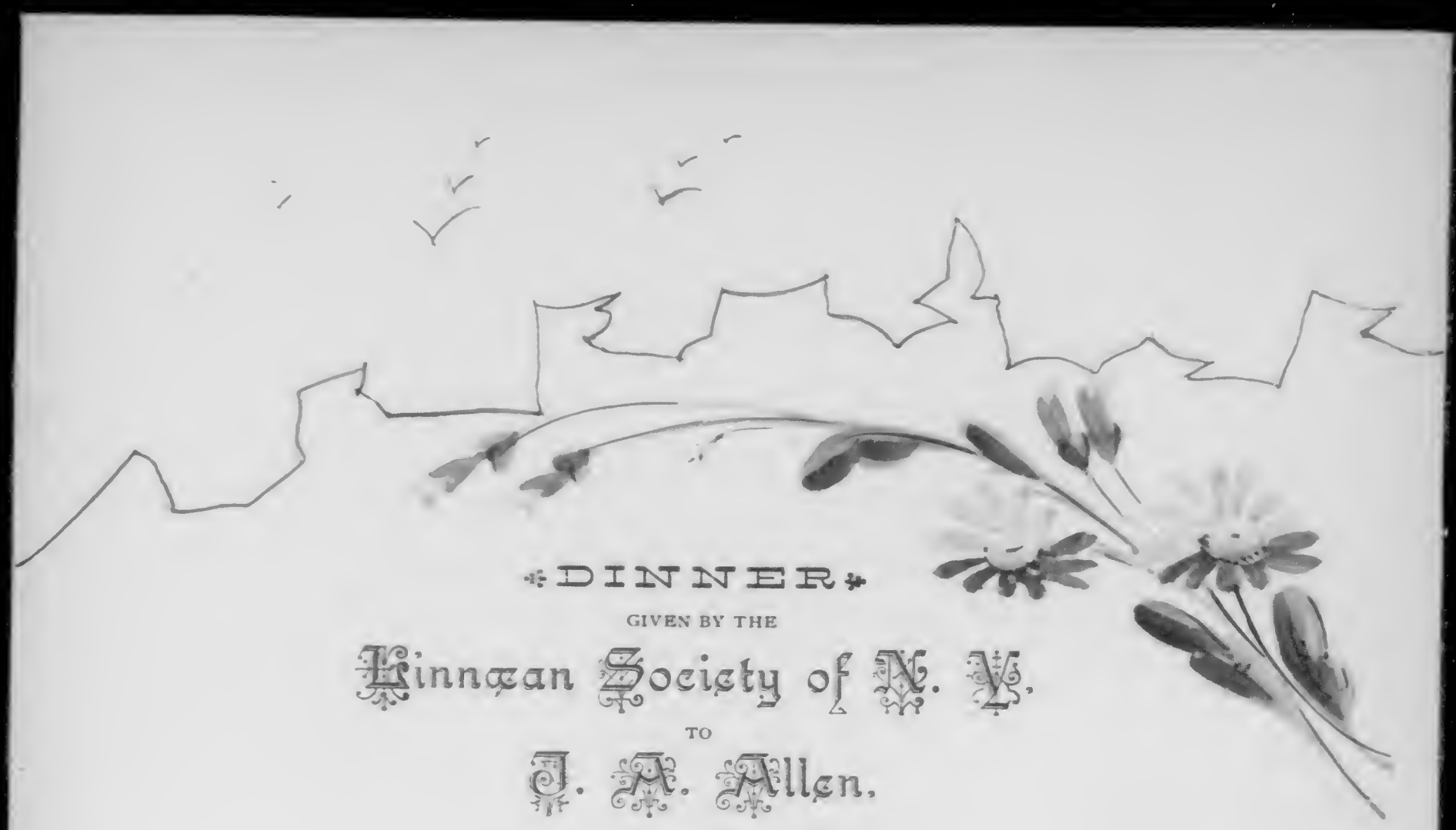
of the A.O.U., or of the men compos-

ing it individually, he will find

Economic Orn. uphill work.

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen



DINNER

GIVEN BY THE

Linnæan Society of N. Y.

TO

J. A. Allen.

MENU

Little Neck clams

Green turtle soup with quenelles

Timbales of chicken à la parisienne

Filet of sole à la normande

Potato croquettes Cucumbers

Saddle of lamb, mint sauce

Peas Bermuda potatoes

Sweetbreads à la Montmorency

Asparagus à la hollandaise

ROCK PUNCH

Broiled English snipe
Tomato and lettuce salad

Vanilla ice cream Cake
Cheese Fruit
Coffee

Wines.

PONTET CANET CORDON ROUGE

May 5, 1885. *MURRAY HILL HOTEL.*

American Museum of Natural History.

Central Park, New York City, June 3. 1895.

Department of Ornithology and Mammalogy;

J. A. Allen, Curator.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Yours of yesterday to hand. Your books reached the Museum yesterday morning (per Boby Monday P. M.), & are now unpacked & on the shelves in my room. Nothing was known about them here when I wrote before.

I have nothing yet to report - in relation to the actions of the Trustees, except that all my matter were referred to Mr. Jesup to take such action as he saw fit. As yet have neither seen nor heard from him since the meeting.

My impression is that I can do nothing till fall in respect to the H. Coll. I am now going to do my best to find somebody willing to give me $10000 with which to form a Study Coll. of N. A. Bds. & Mamm. I think I can do it within a year!

I congratulate you heartily on your success in the Seal business! I do not quite understand whether you offer this series of 9 Hafts to the Am. Mus. I wish we could ~~agitate the matter~~ get them, but I fear it would be quite useless to ~~agitate~~ the matter now, my other project involving expense meet with such unsatisfactory reception. This Cor had best could not come here.

Am still quite under the weather from my cold, but hope to be better in a day or two. Dr. Fisher has spent two days here on the Study Coll., starting in at labelling & cataloguing the Elliot Coll. I feel greatly indebted to him.

Very Cordially Yours
J. A. Allen

N. Y. June 10. 1885.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Thanks for writing me about folded letters. But I do not know, any remedy, as it is probably done en route in mailing cars. Have been annoyed myself by receiving letters folded in that way, & which have came from various quarters.

I do not know when the Oct. No. of Can. Sc. monthly appeared. — As to exchange of Advs., I remember asking you to arrange the matter, & ask Pines to transmit his adv. to me. I also remember reserving space for it till the last moment, & it failed to come to hand. Later it passed out of my mind. I arranged several exchanges myself, & I suppose forgot that it in this particular case the reciprocity had not been made. I remember trying also to get an adv. from the Monthly itself, but there was nothing there

there that could be used. (Please look for yourself; I suppose have not found a statement — even a subscription price!) In other cases of exchange of advs. parties have promptly & without solicitation transmitted copy of their advs. for insertion. Whenever the Editor of Com. Per. Monthly will send in his adv. I shall be only too happy to give it prompt insertion in "The Cent".

Had an interview with Mr. J. yesterday. He approves heartily of all of my plans & recommendations, & says they should be carried out, but it will be impossible to comply till beginning of next year, in cases where expenditure of money is concerned. I can see that he is really interested in the building up of the Library collections, & hopes some way will be found to buy the H. bird collection, but does not see how to do it now. We are both hopeful of getting hold of some man (Trustee, or other) whom we can bleed in behalf of science. I shall make an effort to get ~~$10,000~~ $10M. into my control, & hope within a year, & shall feel much disappointed if I don't.

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,
CENTRAL PARK (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
NEW YORK. June 16, 1885

Dear Dr. Merriam! —

On returning this morning from a two days' absence on a visit to my boy in Mass. I find yours of 12th (with inclosures) awaiting me. I have read all with care. While I do not like the tone of the type-written letter, I do not think it necessarily indicates that there will be any trouble in carrying out your plans. It strikes me, ~~Hast~~ as a mere matter of red-tape it may be necessary to conform to, & I do not think the crisis has come which demands very violent kicking. I do not know that your reply to the type-written document is in any way objectionable. It is point-blank, unequivocal, & perhaps rather too emphatic, considered from the point of policy. It

may, however, prove to be just the right thing. C. V. R. evidently means merely that appointments made by You cannot, in the nature of things, be final, but must be subject to formal approval & confirmation by the 'powers that be' in Washington — which is quite correct. Furthermore, C. V. R. distinctly affirms, or at least very strongly implies, that he does not object to your arrangements, which can, he thinks "all be carried out." In case they cannot be, or fail of being, there is the time to put in your ultimatum.

I understood the conditions of the pistol as you state them; & that while the red-tape would be necessarily involved, it would come in merely as a necessary formality.

Perhaps it is just as well to let C. V. R. understand, even at this early stage of affairs, that no trifling is to be tolerated; & your letter to him containing covers that point!

I apprehend no serious hitch, if things are judiciously manipulated.

It does not strike me as surprising that C. V. R. should think it desirable for you to go on to W. in order to get things fixed satisfactorily. The appointments being in reality Government appointments, they may become have become under the force of Civil Service examination." But there ought to be no question as to the result. It is simply the inconveniences of the requirement, & its uselessness (practically) in the present instance that is annoying. In starting a work of this magnitude, under a department of the Government, such things are to be expected, & it is not politic to look ~~to hard~~ considered in the light of ~~In the~~ words if such matters, they may be viewed as neither surprising nor unreasonable.

I do not for an instant advise any weakening of the knees or backing down, but it is well to keep an eye on the happy medium of firmness and carrying a chip on one's shoulder!

Yours
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Yours of 15th, with Note for Ark, just this minute rec'd.

Answer

J. A. Allen

12 M. Thermometer 96° in the shade!

N. Y. June 18. 1885.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Yours.

closed is for 'Notes + News' dept. 1 July Auk. Please look over & make any changes you see fit. Please return without delay.

Note on 2pp of the Knob Hand. How many extras do you wish of each 1/2 your vols — 100 as usual?

Truly yrs

J. A. Allen

N. Y. June 24, '81

Dear Dr. Merriam -

When is the next meeting of the A.O.U.? Is it Third Tuesday of Nov.? Please answer by return mail.

I nearly forgot & put this in 'Notes & News' in July Auk!!

Yours, J. A. Allen

Hyannis Port, Mass.,
July 23, 1885.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Have just reached here, where I shall probably spend the next three weeks. It is not here during the day, but the refreshing even-ing breezes & comparatively cool nights are a great improve-ment over any thing I have yet struck this heated term!

My regards & congratulations to Dr. Fisher! I hope all goes well.

In haste,

Yours sincerely

J. A. Allen

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

CENTRAL PARK (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. 1885.

Dear Dr. Merriam, —

Returned yesterday, having had a very pleasant vacation on the Cape. Are you not coming down soon? It seems a long time since I have heard from you. How is Economic Ornithology prospering?

Yours truly

C. Hart Merriam

American Ornithologists' Union.
Founded, New York, Sept. 26, 1883.

Aug. 31, 1883.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Was very sorry to miss you Sat. yesterday. But I was completely laid out with an ulcerating tooth, Saturday, & left the Museum at noon. At last cold iron gave relief. Intended to telegraph you my address, but was not equal to even that. Am surprised that no one at the Mus. could tell J. H. S. when to find me, as I have certainly given it to several people there.

When are you coming again? — anything for next Auk? — What about some stuffed mammals sent by your order, by W. Cooper & Son & the A. M.?

Yours
J. A. Allen

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

CENTRAL PARK (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. 1885

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Yours of 3d
just to hand. Glad notes for
Col. Cook.

Many thanks in behalf of
the Museum for donation of
Mammals.

It will give me great pleasure
to spend next Sunday with you
& Dr. Fisher. Will go up Sat.
P. M. — 5 o'clock train.

As ever

Yours

J. A. Allen

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,
CENTRAL PARK (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
NEW YORK, Sept. E. 188 5

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Have just had a tussle with the names your Skunks, &. &. is all wrong in his allocation of Viverra putorius Linn. 175-8.

Mephitis mephitica auct. = M. putorious (Linn.) = Viverra putorius Linn. S. N. ed. 10, 175-8, 64, based on Colebys Putorius americanus thicker, which is beyond question the Common Skunk of East. N. Amer. It is the only one he describes, & there is no reason to suppose he knew any other. Therefore Mephitis interrupta Raf. 1818, becomes again the name of the Little Striped Skunk. 9

cannot imagine how E. C.
could have been so mislead.

Hastily

J. D. Allen

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AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,
CENTRAL PARK 77th St. & 8th Ave.
NEW YORK. Sept. 15th 1885

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I send today
rest of Code proofs. There is
no duplicate set, so please
preserve this as part of A.O.U.
archives. This is the set H.W.
N. had.

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

My specimens of Sp. teretirostris
are all right — agree with
the type.

N. York City. Sept. 18. 1885;

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

The nests left at the Murray were duly sent for & are duly ticketed at the A. M.

Had a long call lately from Mr. Ernest E. T. Seton! who has come on here to make N. Y. his headquarters for quite a period. Doubtless you will see him soon.

Called twice at the Appletons, the second time yesterday, & had an interview with Mr. A. himself. His house will take the book, if we desire it, but he did not seem eager! but was yet willing to do the best he could by us.

Have also received a letter from printers as to cost: the edition, on good paper, & full cloth binding, of 600 copies will cost $845; 1000 copies will cost $1000. Mr. Appleton advised our printing

500, & then a 2d ed. when required. He said the retail price would have to be $3. per copy, of which we should get one-half.

If he or any publisher took the work, he would have to allow a discount of 30% to the trade, & the publisher would have to take the other 20%. Or possibly, if he were not required to especially advertise the work & push the sale, they might take it for 10 & 15%, but probably not less than 15.

Last evening I talked the matter over with our friend Foster, & he advised that the Union do its own publishing & pocket all the profits. If our treasury would not bother with filling orders he volunteered to do so, in the interest of science - or at least intimated he would. He

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sale with Southwick & Jenks, &
Nebler & Ellis, & perhaps some
other dealer in "bird fixins", giving
them 10 or 15% percent. on copies sold,
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Treasurer alone, we should have
calls from the trade we could not
well avoid meeting, at the usual
narrow margin customary with
scientific, medical, legal & other
technical books — i.e. allow them
10 to 15% off.

As we have got to raise a
lot of money to pay for manufacture
of the book, & as speedily as
possible, it strikes me that our
imprint had better be "Published
by the American Ornithologists'
Union", & in some way manage
the sale ourselves & do our own
advertising, and — pocket the
proceeds to pay our debts with. Please

to give this wonderous matter the weighty consideration it merits & write me your conclusions.

By the way, I have found that reference to Skeat's nomenclature — I think it is by me Wetherby, in the Amer. Nat. for Sept. 1882, or thereabouts. He uses Rafinesque's name interrupta, & says E. C. had admitted & been his error.

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

By the way, do not forget that the A.O.U. is a scientific Society, & that the publications of such societies are usually sold by the Society's Secy.!! Talk with D. S. J., & he comes to see you Sunday!

Oct. 6. 1883.

Dear Dr. Merriam—

I was impossible for me to get hold of this list till this morning. In every case I have been able to get at the P.O.O. names, & I have arranged them in proper sequence—

Yours

J. A. Allen

American Ornithologists' Union.

Founded, New York, Sept. 26, 1883.

Oct. 7, 1885.

Dear Dr. Merriam,—

There is one change of name I overlooked in making up the list yesterday. *Strepsilas interpres* is now *Arenaria interpres* (Linn.).

Saw Mr. Foster Monday & arranged about sale of Check List satisfactorily. He charges only for postage & other actual expenses—

K. W. A. is here today

Sincerely

J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History.

Central Park, New York City, Nov. 11. 1885.

Department of Ornithology and Mammalogy;

J. A. Allen, Curator

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I am very glad to hear you are so comfortably settled in Washington. It will be but a few days I count before I shall see you here. A letter from R. R. just recd says it will not be possible for him to come to the meeting!! You must see him & try to prevail upon him to come. I have just written him strongly on the point. You must also do all you can to have Dr. Fisher come. I hope we shall at least be able to muster a quorum. But it looks now as though we should not get much beyond that!

I enclose Mr. Wheeler's bill, which I

have had by me for some days. If it is paid before the end of this month he will be satisfied.

I enclose a bill for postage & expressage for the last year, to enable you to complete your financial statement for the year. I am in no hurry for the money.

Be sure also that H. W. H. Comes on to the meeting. He has expressed doubts of his ability to come.

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History.

Central Park, New York City, Nov. 23, 1885.

Department of Ornithology and Mammalogy;

J. A. Allen, Curator.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Yours of 21st. rec'd this morning. — The box went Saturday evening. I can send you the book, if you desire it, or any of your books at any time you may wish them.

In ordering the official stationary, I should like much to have some with the Auk heading + Eoblat's address, for the editorial correspondence. Will L. & F. fill your orders, or will you get the ~~F~~ J & B done in N.?

As to the E. B. — C. V. R. matter — I never ~~saw~~ any of the letters or postals you mention. E. B. wrote

last winter
my curiosity in great distress, about the
matter, to know if I had not in my
possession certain of the Riley documents
alluded to; said he had searched high &
low for them, & it occurred to him that
he might have sent them, & some of
them, to me with a batch of Committee
papers, vols, & MSS. etc., & said he was feeling
very uncomfortable over the matter & did
not know what to do in the case. This
is all I know about it. It would seem
from this that he had actually mislaid or lost
them.

The excitement and strain of the meeting
was to me a healthful relaxation, & I am left
now in better condition than before.

I have a letter from E. C., in answer to
one I did for you & postponed writing, which troubles
me a little, from what I felt compelled & unite
the gentleman seems, now, inclined to pose publicly as
a martyr on the ground of religious belief!

Kind regards to all. Yours truly J. A. Allen

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,
CENTRAL PARK (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
NEW YORK, Nov. 24, 1885.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

A box came yesterday from Simpson Sons containing skin of Lynx from Texas. I remember speaking with you about this specimen & saying I would take it, but what price was fixed for it, or how that matter was left, I have no recollection whatever. It looks all right, except that it seems rather small. The skull however appears to indicate a full grown (but not old) animal. I will write to Ward at once for mounting. The species stands on his list at $26.00, mounted. I find his prices for mounting such pieces (custom work) is $15.00.

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This would be allowing $5.00 for the skin. Would this amount satisfy your demands for the present specimen? Will await your answer before sending skin to Ward, & then if satisfactory will direct him to pay your direct for the specimen, & so not to complicate accounts here, which is always troublesome & vexatious.

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History.
Central Park, New York City, Dec. 8. 1898.
Department of Ornithology and Mammalogy;
J. A. Allen, Curator.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your ruling in the case of Tomias is correct. — I send herewith pp. 193-226 of Check-list, — all thus far to hand.

Not feeling quite satisfied that the arrangement with Wheeler & the publishers of the Bulletin, or that on the whole it was the wisest plan, I asked him if he would like to be relieved of this responsibility, & he replied at once he would be very glad to have the agreement cancelled, & have Bishop make terms with Mr. Foster, which are financially nearly as favorable & this A.O.U., & in other respects far more satisfactory, whereby Mr. Foster will do publishing of the Bulletin! The present scheme, from a business point of view, seemed to promise well for

Mr. Wheeler, as per agreement, will make every effort to circulate, seems to me, & I am the Check in a Bulletin form.

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Dec. 17, — 1885

Dear Dr. Merriam,—

your letter of yesterday rec'd this morning, & also the minutes, which I find are admirably clear & full.

Have I told you that Mr. Foster is to be not only the agent of the A.O.U. for the sale of the Code & Check List but is also to be the <u>publisher of the Auk</u>? The publication will now have the benefit of the energy & experience of a push'g business man, who will doubtless do as much as any one can do to

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lined the subscription list, get advertisements, & make the Book "pay." He takes it on a small commission, very favorable to the A.D.U. His interest in the work of the Union you will know, & also his business abilities. I think the Union fortunate in thus securing his co-operation, & getting the Book at least on a business footing.

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

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The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Jan. 1. *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letters of Dec. 30 + 31 recd. Many thanks for the changes suggested in the proofsheets of A. & E. article. I was written hastily, + when you next see it you will find many of the rough places much smoothed down—

Will mail the Lynx skin soon. Am now, & have been for a week, greatly under the weather from a persistent & painful attack of neuralgia.

I am surprised at what you write in re H. Coll. I think, however, the cloth was mailed for offset, it

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Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
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Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Jan. 2, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I returned yesterday the minutes of the last A.O.U. meeting, with slight verbal change on p. 47 first day's minutes.

I had not time to write you by same mail, as I intended doing.

I wish now, however, to call your attention to a passage on p. 11 of 2d day's minutes, which I have underlined with a blue-pencil line. It is in reference to Mr. Chadbourne's provisional maps, which I think does that gentleman great injustice; nor do I remember that you made any statement before the meeting of just this import. Mr. Chadbourne's work was not done on any such

principle of generalization as the passage in question implies. Indeed, the merest tyro in such work would hardly be guilty of carrying the range of a Carolinian species uniformly over the state of New York. As Mr. C. was in frequent consultation with me about the work while it was in progress, it being done somewhat under my supervision, I know on just what principles his charts were made up, & that there is nothing in them at all comparable to the case you give in illustration of the character of the work. At the same time I am quite well aware that in some instances his generalizations were carried too far, & mouths ago I gave him personally considerable criticism on these points. — even to a much greater extent than my defense of his methods and results before the meeting would imply; for he was then under fire. In the haste of composition I

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strike me as admirably full and
correct. I as you will see, I have
nothing further to suggest in the
way of change or revision.

I note what you say in your book
on the score of Associates & Correspondents. I see no harm in appl-
ying a little Balm to wounded or
sore hearts as servants in that way.

Capt. C. E. Benedict is now
in New York. Had a call from
him this morning, — probably before
the end of next week he will knock
at your Official door in Washing-
ton.

My rheumatic chest still keeps
me more or less from my post at
the Museum, & sadly interferes with
my work. I say nothing of Comfort.

Very truly yours F. A. Walker

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History.
Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Jan. 15 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Thanks for explanation about Dr. R. Brown.

I presumed it was O. K, but did not at the time recall reasons. The S. C. woman has been out off, & the dam coat is all right.

Am sorry for your headache & hope it will soon leave you. I am not by any means ill, though I manage to keep about. Am suffering still from the effects of my recent plenarie attack.

Am now bringing together matter for the proposed Science

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about two pp. (Science pp.) on
birds as the friends of the agri-
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from the agricultural standpoint —
by C. H. M.! How soon can
I have such a document
ready? Say in two weeks? I hope
so, & that I can depend upon it
without fail.

Ever sincerely
J. A. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
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Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Jan. 20, 1886

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Dear Dr. Merriam,—

Yours of yesterday
recd. Regret to hear so unfavorable
news of the bronchitis. I have not as
yet any improvement to report in
my own case. — I note what
you say about the paper for
Science. Probably it will not be
required quite so soon as I
stated, as it will take time to
set in the other papers promised.
So please let me have it as
early as may be practicable but not
later than Thurs. noon. If possible
I would like earlier.

I write especially now to straighten

out a copy of Associate Membership.
Namely that of Wm. H. Fox, M.D.,
formerly of Washington Avenue
& other places, but now of
60 West 17th Street, New York
City.

He was elected at the first
Meeting, need his notification,
feels sure he applied, accepting
membership. But his name did
not get onto your list, &
consequently he has not had his bill
from Dr. Cory. He called this
morning & made inquiries as
to his status & what he should do.
I told him I would get the matter
put right, & made due explanations,
which were pleasantly accepted.

All that is necessary in the case,

it seems true, is to put
his name on the roll of Assoc.
elected at the first meeting, &
send his name + address to Sec.
Corp's Secy (E. B. Hull, 8 Arling-
ton St., Boston) + ask him to send
Dr. Fox a bill for his assess-
ment. Which Dr. F. will immediately
pay.

As ever sincerely

J. R. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
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Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Feb. 4, 1886

Dear Mr. Brewster,—

Many thanks for your kind letter of yesterday which puts the matter in question in a very different light. I have no particular objection to the criticisms as given in the quotation on your letter — none whatever but the spirit, which is fair & kind. But the writer labors under a misapprehension of the facts, & hence some of his assumptions are erroneous. Weissmann's paper in the "Contemporary Review" I have never yet seen; I have his papers in German on this subject, but have never read them. All I know of his views is what I have by chance gathered at second hand. So much for the case of

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my proper being (apparently) based on Weismann's! On such a subject as this it is of course almost impossible to write without saying something others have said before; yet it does not follow that because a later writer happens to agree in his subject matter with an earlier one that the later is a plagiarist of the earlier. Our many subjects writers of late agree, while at the same time neither is indebted to the other for ideas or even suggestions. Having already given the 'inside history' of my 'confession' I need not enlarge further.

I do not now feel in the least hurt by this criticism as originally made, which has quite a different effect on one's feelings than the bald statement "it is purely a compilation", which led to my vigorous outbreak.

But do not feel distressed over your share in the misunderstandings. I understand now just how it all came about, & shall soon forget all about it.

If it just as well wit to send my letter to my friendly critic. Now that it is all understood & it is unnecessary, and it might create needless irritation. Had I known at first just what was said I do not think I should have felt at all disturbed — should certainly have framed a very different letter.

I am very sorry indeed to hear of your bad health. It pains me greatly & you have my heartest sympathy.

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Sincerely yours
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Have just finished unpacking the Scott Collection. It would make your eyes stick out to see the big series of rare things. Later I will try and give you some details — Yours

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New York City, Feb. 4 *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam; —

Yours of yesterday
has rec'd. — The habitat of Lanius
Ludov. excub. as given in the list
is a compromise between the very
diverse views on this point of R. R.
& W. B. R. R. happens to be really
the responsible party in this in-
stance. — To avoid misunder-
standing I may say that the
responsibility in the matter of habitat
is shared by the whole Committee.
I made the first draft, & this is
revised in proof by the other
members, especially by R. R. & W. B.
sometimes the result is amusing
& puzzling, the qualifications of
the original being sometimes diamet

nicely opposite! If the case is a bad one I make it the subject of special correspondence, especially with R. K., who bottles up & decides by actual experience & the Nat. Hist. material.

Am very sorry you cannot write the Science article, as proposed. I shall miss your aid very seriously.

Have just unpacked the Scotch collection — 2400 bird skins, besides nests & eggs. It just bristles with rare things, too numerous to mention in a letter.

Yours —

Allen

J. A. Allen

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American Ornithologists' Union.
COMMITTEE ON
The Protection of North American Birds.

New York, Feb. 9. 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your very kind letter of Feb. 8 is before me. To take up its points in the order of their occurrence, as I read your letter, I will say, first, that you very keenly and correctly express the chief intention of the paper in saying it "as a matter of fact it was merely a popular and exceedingly liberal expansion of the (then) present-status of scientific opinion on the subject". That was one of the main things aimed at; but in addition to this I had many ideas of my own, suggested by me to be original, as I had not then seen them elsewhere, which I wished to present. I did not feel sure, of course, that they had not been presented before, as I did not 'read up' for the occasion, or have time to go through the literature of the subject to see whether my own ideas & conclusions had been anticipated by others. For the purpose of the occasion I did not deem this necessary, feeling that if there was anything new in the paper it would in due time receive credit for it; if not new it was, of course already in a certain sense, public property. At the time

I wrote this paper I had not seen Weismann's paper; I may have seen it since, but I do not own it & have no distinct remembrance of its character or contents, notwithstanding what you say about our conversation about Weismann & Palmén's contributions to this subject. I have Palmén's papers, but have never more than glanced at them. I know the purport of both Weismann's & Palmén's, ~~papers~~, in a general way, & at second hand.

For the idea of a northward migration of animals, birds included, on the recession of the glacial conditions, we must go far back of Weismann's paper, as you well know; its application to the origin of the instinct of migration, so far as I am concerned, was a happy thought of my own. At this point will you please turn to Bull. N. O. C. VI, July, 1880, pp. 151 et seq. & read carefully what I there say regarding the origin of the instinct of migration, & then tell me whether you think I could be guilty of writing like that with a knowledge of Weismann's views or with his Contemporary Review paper before me? Let me say further that this paper & the Scribner article* were both written in March, 1880*, Do you think I would be likely to pose before the public in that way, — on borrowed capital? The fact of the case is, I thought I had struck upon a 'fine thing', & so fairly died to believe the matter over that I sought early publication for it in the 'Bulletin', fearing to trust to the slow & uncertain medium of a popular magazine.

* I know it was so early as May, but I am not sure that the Scribner paper was not written in March. Scribner's paper first.

Now as to the second point — the gradations, etc. between species that are widely roving & those sedentary. This was

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as purely an original generalization on my part as anything I ever wrote;— it was based on my own observations & knowledge of the habits of our own birds, & I am thoroughly under the impression that this generalization & how & reasons have published at a much earlier date. But really I fail to see the parallelism you seek to present, for Weismann's claim is that one & the same species may be both sedentary & migratory, while I say different species present every gradation between the truly sedentary & the most wholly migratory, like the Swallows, for example.

As to the third point— Isaac "failure of food" been cited given time immemorial as a reason— birds & beasts & warmer climates? Yet Has not what you quote from Weismann been stated a dozen or a hundred times before, in one & the same words? Yet my own assertion was in the nature of a personal conviction, resulting from observation & consideration of the general facts in the case. I need not repeat that it had no more basis in Weismann than it had in the Book of Genesis.

As to the rest, it hardly seems necessary to waste time in taking up for comment each separate point. What I said on the cause of the returning of birds to their breeding places was simply my own conclusion on the matter, just as in the case of other points, & I did not feel concerned at the time about whether it was new or otherwise. I

remember that I did not (at first,) feel, at the time how many of my postulates were new; I felt sure that some of them were, & knew that others were not. What I intended was, as already said, a summary of the subject, based on my own studies & reflections, & in my summary had no regard to what was new or old. The body of the paper, however, was based on my own personal knowledge of the subject, derived largely from personal experience. That this experience is not different from that of others is not strange; but I assume that my paper was not based on the writings of previous authors, at least to any considerable extent, is grossly misconceive the facts. That similar things had been said before is in the very nature of the case, the subject being a hackneyed one, & its leading facts well known to every one.

In regard to such theoretical matters as coral, sunken islands, etc. I had acquired a general drift of such things, mainly, I think, through comments or quotations from the original papers — not at first hand — and mainly through the writings of Wallace. And this particular phase of the subject I referred to expressly to record my dissent from some of its assumptions. Your denial that Weismann's are most of them as new to me as would be the latest new novel! My paper was original throughout in the sense of being an independent production of my own mind — it was 'my say' on the subject, embodying much wholly original reflection, as well as much that was as old as the study of birds itself, & was intended mainly as a summary of the subject as seen from my own personal standpoint. I freely admit

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Now that much that I supposed at the time was new proves not to have been so, but how this detracts from the 'originality' of the paper I fail to see. You will know that the same ideas may arise independently, in any department of research or invention, in the minds of different people, but only be fully credited to, & discovery who first makes his discoveries known. In a word, the Scribner article, was a downright honest piece of work — I think I am never guilty of work of any other sort — I at least strive not to be.

I appreciate kindly the kindness of your criticisms, & its highly creditable motives. You are correct in claiming that most of my statements & conclusions were not new, but misbeliefs as to the basis of your criticisms. You have made in the main a good defence, but the pertinency of some portions is a little strained. I am sorry for showing the real status of my paper in its relation to other articles on the same subject, I am, however, with the most cordial goodwill Yours Sincerely Friend, J. A. Allen

Anmd. Zeh. 12/86.

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Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Feb. 14, *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your kind
letter of 12th about the Ingraham
affair is just to hand. I will
only say further, as an explanation
from my side, that had Beers given
at first your criticism just as you
wrote it, I should not have felt
in the least indignant, even if I
had been left in ignorance of its
source. I should simply have felt
that the case was misunderstood,
and without any feeling whatever
should have briefly explained the
origin of the paper & how it was
made up. As it was, through in-
advertence or haste, without [illegible]

evident & mischievous, Mr. Brewster
would simply say I am informed by a
friend that your Sermon which "is
1886. about to be published, a compilation", and asked
me whether it was so, and adding that
if it was so he must radically modify
his reference to it. You will, I think,
not be surprised that under the cir-
cumstances I felt indignant & wrote
back to him with some warmth.

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

Return to C. H. Merriam

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City, March 26, 1886,

Dear Dr. Merriam,—

I am rather surprised at both the tone and the substance of your letter of March 24th, in reference to the Code and Check-List. The matter to which you complain was the subject of serious thought on the part of at least several members of the Committee, & whatever the sins of omission complained of, they were the result of deliberate action. The preface, as it stands, was read before, and approved by, the whole Committee, and each member saw it in proof. The preface was intended to be merely an his-

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torical statement of the authority and various duties for the Book and Check-List. The only credit given any one, individually, appears in the extracts from the minutes of the Committee printed on page 16 (last paragraph), where Dr. Stejneger's share in the work is clearly indicated. That of any other member of the Committee is silent. The question of dividing up and assigning the credit of respective portions of the work seemed both unnecessary and impracticable. Those two thousand odd labels were quite the larger share of the work, willing, so far as I am aware, to merge their individuality with that of their fellow workers. It may not have occurred to you that the labor, so far as mere clerical and

editorial work was concerned,
to say nothing of responsibility
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(in preparing the book for and selling it through the press,
of the points,) was no light affair,
yet there is nothing to indicate on
whom it fell. If the matter of
credit may have at some future
day any interest to the curious,
the archives of the Committee
will furnish fullest evidence
in respect to even minute
details.

No one more highly appreciates
the services of Dr. Steiger than
I do, & I would gladly have
seen fuller or more faithful credit given him,
& possibly to others. In fact, I
once had a paragraph penned
with this especial object in view,
but, owing to circumstances I
need not here detail, it was
omitted.

I am glad for my part that the "ofony" is over, for the perplexities it has involved and (between us) the many delicate situations it has involved, have been neither few nor lacking in gravity. It is therefore not particularly gratifying to have only the "what might have been", or the what should have been, made the especial point of comment.

Many things might doubtless have been done better, & there is some basis, I admit, for your special point of criticism, except in so far as it relates to the motive, on which so much stress is laid.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History.
Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City. April 6. *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I must ask you to pardon my seeming neglect of yours of March 31. but I have not neglected the subject.

Primarily the fault was with one member of the Committee, secondarily & indirectly, almost, with the Committee as a whole, & must be shared by them individually, R. R. perhaps excepted. Each member not only knew what the Preface was long since, as it was submitted to the Committee & adopted by it. But each member had the proofs sent him, some of them seeing the proof more than once, without raising any question over this particular part of it. Then was

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which I deemed unbearable, + succeeded in convincing the protestors
that such was the fact. My letter
to Dr. S. of April 4. + my letter of
this date to ~~Dr.~~ H. W. H., will show
my position in the matter, + what-
ever remedy is in favor, + why nothing
was done about it in the April
book. — I am too much "below par"
in health to write at any unnecessary
length, + must beg you to talk the
matter over with the interested
parties in Washington, in the light
of what I have already written them,
particularly Dr. S.

The C. + C. E. was sent to Prof. the
Libr. U. S. Nat. Mus. immediately on
receipt of your letter. It was simply
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The Auk,—Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,

Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, April 26, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Some days since I had the pleasure of a call from your Father Brooks, & was delighted to hear of your success with the Committee of Agriculture & Congress. Please accept my heartiest congratulations.

You doubtless noticed with pleasure the letter in the last No. of 'Science' from the Committee on Coöl & Check-List. What is very gratifying to me in this connection is the consent of E. C. & the publication of the letter, which he gave quite readily. I had a chance to confer with him personally here in N. Y. & readily con-

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I shall expect from you, without fail, the promised review of recent reports on bird migration for the July "Auk". I beg that you will, if possible, send in the copy by June 1st.

I find myself in possession of a few specimens of Arizona Mammals, collected by Mr. Scott. The birds he got for me I have sold to Mr. Sennett. I would like to dispose of the Mammals also, or enough of them to get my money back, & then what are left, I may, I propose to give to the Com. Mus., & they should all go there, but I cannot afford to give them, & I do not like to urge their purchase, under the circumstances, as I would if they did not belong to me. I give you the

Bassaris astuta	3 ♂ ad.	3 ♀ ad.
Japtidea americana berlandieri		1 ♀ ad.
Conepatus mapurito	3 ♂ ad.	1 ♀ ad.
Mephitis mephitica (mostly fully adult, + forming a fine series in respect to color variations)	10 ♂	6 ♀
Mephitis interrupta	3 ♂ ad.	3 ♀ ad.
Canis (Vulpes) velox	♂ ad.	
(vulpes virginianus	♂ ad.	
~~Procyon~~ Plecotus macrotis	♂ ad	♀ ad.
Hesperomys	5 ♂ ad. 3 ♂ juv	7 ♂ ad.
Neotoma	1 ♂ ad.	
Spermophilus grammurus	♂ 3 ad. 2 juv.	♀ 2 ad. 1 juv.
Tamias harrisi	3 ♂ ad.	2 ♀ ad.
" dorsalis	3 ♂ ad.	
Thomomys	1 ♂ ad	
Lepus callotis	1 ♂ ad.	1 ♀ ad.
Dicotyles tajacu		
Cariacus	2 juv (spotted coat).	

list for any or all of them, as you may desire. They include quite a number of very desirable specimens, as the Little Striped Skunk, the White-backed Skunk, the Texas Civet Cat, three Peccaries, & various small Rodents.

I give list on next page. They are all good skins, with skulls attached, & nearly all perfect.

I shall be out of town from this date till May 3. For what purpose you can doubtless guess!

Ever

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City, June 17, 1886.

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ANSWERED

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Have you not something for 'Notes and News' for July Auk respecting your Department of Economic Ornithology? Is it not yet all settled in regard to bulletins? Have you not something to announce in respect to publications, about which I am receiving many inquiries?

Yours
J. A. Allen

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the Curtis
hotel & news
will be closed

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, June 24, 1886

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Yours of yesterday at hand. I have talked with Prof. Whitfield about the fossil Elephant, & he thinks that if it approximately perfect, & the price not too high we might be able to buy it. But we should be unable to make any bids or st. for it on Board enough to get such a matter considered where there is a definite basis to go upon. The first requisite therefore would be some definite price to base action upon. As this matter relates more to Prof. Whitfields department than to my own I have turned it over to him & he will doubtless write you for particulars.

Yours truly
J. A. Allen

If the specimen will measure
as long, I should like
to see it.

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City, July 1, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Yours of June 30 rec'd. There is still time to note the changes in States & Dept of Economic Ornith. & Mamm. in the July Auk. Please send me 1/4 to 1/2 page & will set it in. If type-written it will be in time if rec'd July 5. but will have to go in without being proofread by me. But it will be safe if sent in as type-written copy.

I am just delighted that the matter has gone through so nearly as you wished it, & also that you have secured Mr. Barrows. I believe you will find him

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Many thanks for the extract from the 'Congressional Record'. Please make brief reference to the papers presented by Senator Miller on the ravages of the Rice-bird & English Sparrow; & I hope you will see that these papers in full, & that on Mammals, find their way into "Forest and Stream" at an early date.

With hearty congratulations,

Yours sincerely

J. A. Allen

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~~The Auk,~~ Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,

Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Aug. 23, 1886.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Sec'y, A. O. U.

Dear Sir Secretary:—

The suggestion comes to me, from various sources, to print in the October Auk a full list of the Membership of the A. O. U., on the ground that such a proceeding would be advantageous to the Auk & to the Union. Mr. O. Widmann goes so far as to also urge the printing of a list of all the subscribers to the Auk who are not either Members or Associates, on the ground that the friends

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be, & to this end that they may
be labored with in the
interest of the Book.

Please write me what you
think of this scheme, & whether,
in case such a list be printed,
you do not think it would
be well to also print the
Constitution, making the whole
Document "The Constitution
of the A. O. U., with a list of the
Membership of the A. O. U., together
with a list of the Subscribers to
the Book."

If this is not a matter to

be decided by the Officers of the C.O.U., & the Editors of the Clerk, it would be quite easy to issue a circular letter on the subject to the Councillors, who have beyond question the right to regulate all such matters.

I am writing to you as my first step in the matter, & my further action will be greatly guided by your view of the case. While I see some objections to the plan, I feel, on the whole, favourably inclined toward it.

Very truly Yours,

J. O. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City, 1st Sept, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Am very sorry
to hear of your illness, which
I hope is temporary & that I
shall soon have the pleasure
of seeing you here.

I quite agree with you that
it would be premature to print
our Constitution in its present
form, & heartily approve of what
you say in reference to the
changes needed in it & the
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to print it now.

Hoping to see you soon

Yours truly

J. H. Allen

P. S. — I think I have two
specimens of your A. typhinax
venderi, collected in North Tex.

American Ornithologists' Union.
Founded, New York, Sept. 26, 1883.

New York, Sept. 11, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I was very much surprised to hear from you from so far South at this hot season. I hope you will return to N. none the worse for hot-weather, night air in the rice field, and earthquakes.

I go on to Cambridge early next week & hope to meet Mr. Brewster there, in which case we will talk over the matter of publishing the A. O. U. membership in the next Auk & let you know the result.

As the present Vol. will be about 150 pp. larger than the usual,

The preparation of the Index is a fearful job, making some 30 pp.!

It is fearfully hot + sultry here, particularly at night, + has been so for weeks. — The worst night weather I have ever experienced for so long a period.

Ever yours sincerely

J. B. Allen

By the way, will you not kindly ~~doing~~ give me something for "Notes & News" about your Special work?

Answd. Sept. 21/86.

~~The Auk~~,—Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Sept. 20, *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

I met Mr. Brewster in Cambridge last week & we talked over the matter of printing the membership list of the B.O.U. in the Nat. Auk. He thinks it advisable to do so, & if you will send me the list, at your convenience, I will send it to the printer & forward proofs to you. (Owing to the big index (some 30 pp.) the number will necessarily be a little late, as page-

proofs of only the first 32 pp.
have yet reached me -

Nothing new to report.
Mr. Coy was here last week,
but I was away & so
missed seeing him.

Ever
Yours
J. B. Allen

Hope you are now to work
for your Southern tour.

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~~The Auk,~~ **Editor's Office,**

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Sept. 23, *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

In answer to yours of Sept. 21, would say that the addresses of members should be given as well as the names. I have List of the Active & Associates, furnished by you last Dec. Thus I inclose for revision, so as to save you the trouble of compiling anew. I have no list of Corresponding & Foreign.

By the way, the next meeting of the A.O.U. is not far

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away, & in the interest of having a good meeting I think we should draw up members for scientific papers. I will do what I can to that end here, & hope you will attend to the Washington Members, to whom we must look especially for papers. Besides, would it not be well to take the Constitution in hand & have a new draft ready to present, in the form of Constitution & By-Laws. The matter when it comes up will doubtless

be referred to a Committee
especially appointed for
this purpose of presenting
a new draft, which should
be submitted during the
meeting, so that it may
come up for final action
at the meeting of 1888.

In sending out notices
of the meeting, which you
will doubtless do in a
few weeks, sending it to
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the meeting, so that Associates may fully understand that they not only have a right to pursue papers & take part in reconstructive discussions, but are especially invited to do so.

Hoping you are rapidly recovering from the ill effects of your late Southern tour,

I am

Sincerely

J. A. Allen

Answ. Oct. 4/86.

~~The Auk,~~ **Editor's Office,**

American Museum of Natural History.

Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Sept. 27, *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

There are two ways of disposing of Capt. Blakeslee — remit the fees, *sub silencio*, by vote of Council, or transfer him to roll of Corresponding Members.

Many thanks for your very kind invitation to make my home with you while in Washington. Nothing would give me greater pleasure were I to go alone, but it is now probable that Mrs. A. will go with me, as she has never been in W. & the trip would give her great

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I will lay my hand at a draft of Const. & By laws, to come on a working basis for the proposed Committee, hoping in this way to forward the matter so that this Committee can report before the close of the coming meeting.

Am very sorry to hear of your illness.

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

Ansd. Oct. 5/86.

~~The Auk,~~ **Editor's Office,**

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Oct. 4, *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

I find that many of the Associates elected ~~to the~~ in 1883 have not paid their assessment & therefore I suppose must be dropped, although some of them still claim the privileges of the members of the A. O. U., as for instance, Wm. Hubbell Fisher of Cincinnati. Among others elected in 1883, are Dr. Bean & Mr. H. Dall of Washington. As they have in ~~not~~ no case (other than the Auk), I suppose it is safe to conclude they do not care $3.00 worth

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your opinion.

Yours

J. Miller

Answd. Oct. 5/86

~~The Auk~~,—**Editor's Office,**

American Museum of Natural History.
Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Oct. 4, *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam;—

I have just rec'd from Mr. Cory the list of Associates; among them who have not paid are some names which I think will surprise you. Of course only the names of those who have paid will be printed.

It seems to me proper to prefix A list with a list of Officers & Committees, etc. In preparing this I find I must appeal to you for aid. If I remember rightly we have at present one of the Committees, yours & that for Bird Protection.

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If there are others will you please add them, & also fill in the names of your Committee. As addresses are given in the lists of members, it is not necessary to repeat them in this connection.

As early return of lists will be a favor

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

Ansd. Oct. 6/86.

~~The Ark,~~ **Editor's Office,**

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Oct. 5, *1886,*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your list of acceptances & resignations of Asso-ciate Membership recd. On comparing this list with that furnished by Mr. Cory I notice that three on your list are marked as "not-paid" on Cory's, namely:

C. W. Nash, Portage La Prairie, Manitoba
C. S. Paine, E. Bethel, Vt.
D. H. Talbot, Sioux city, Iowa.

R. J. Pearsall, N. Y. City, is marked on Cory's List, below or none, as "resigned", & I think this is correct, unless he withdrew his resignation after sending it in. I remember that the correspondence passed

through my hands.

I will see Hon. Foster in reference to the other matter, but I think this is all straight.

Will reply later to other parts of your letter.

Yours truly

J. B. Allen

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~~The Auk,~~—**Editor's Office,**

American Museum of Natural History,

Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Oct. 7. *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I do not see how the notice of the A. O. U. Meeting could well be improved. It is excellent.

I notice you omitted to add or include in your Committee the names of the subcommittee of your Committee, & I presume it will be all right for me to add them, viz:: Allen, Belding, Chadbourne, & Ridgway.

Mr. Cory writes me that all members who have not paid, both Associate & Active, have notices sent them.

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AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

CENTRAL PARK (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 8, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letters of yesterday are before me.

I forgot the matter of date in reference to Notifications. Nov. 1st seems to me the proper time, & I should certainly advise printed postal cards.

Sent copy for index of Auk, 1886, to printer last evening — the earliest possible date. I could get it off, as the last page-proofs of Oct. No. did not reach me till the 7th Oct. the number will be two & three

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weeks late, but I have done the best I could, the printer having been somewhat dilatory with proofs.

With kindest regards to Miss Cosnell and yourself, in which Mrs. Allen joins me

Believe me,

Yours sincerely

J. A. Allen

Will gladly make the proposed exchange of Auk with Von Tschudi

Jan Schmidhoffen -

Amt'd. of $2.00 sent for Janitor, Nov. 4/86.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

CENTRAL PARK, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 3, 1886,

Dear Dr. Merriam. —

I inclose freight receipt for the 2 boxes of books, shipped to you yesterday. Also bill for advance charges, which the Merchants Line cleared & pay, & the bill was paid by the Janitor.

I suppose you are by this time back in Washington. You must have greatly enjoyed your tour at Old Point Comfort, where there

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is so much that is attractive and interesting. If I did not read good just to read your enthusiastic letters.

Have had 50 copies of Membership lists struck off for use as you suggest.

Mrs. A. joins me in kindest regards to both Mrs. M. & Yourself

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The Auk,—Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Nov. 6, *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Glad to hear of your safe return to Washington & of your improved health. Many thanks for check for $2.00 in payment of charges advanced by you for Auk. Hope the latter have come safely to hand.

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now do is to send you a
copy of the Check, & my
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usual, occurred notwithstanding
I tried.

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Answd. Nov. 11/86.

American Ornithologists' Union.
Founded, New York, Sept. 26, 1883.

Am. Mus. Nat. History,
N. Y. City, Nov. 8, 86.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I have called a meeting of the Council of the American Ornithologists' Union, to be held at the National Museum on Monday, Nov. 15 inst, at or about 12 M., the place and hour to be arranged to suit the convenience of Prof. Baird. Will you kindly see him in the meantime and ascertain whether he can receive the Council for its meeting at his office, as heretofore, and at what hour.

Mrs. A. & myself expect to leave this city for Washington on the 4.30 P.M. train on Saturday, Nov. 14. We shall thus reach W. late Saturday evening.

Mr. George N. Lawrence will not be able to meet with us, as will also be the case

with Rev. M. C Chamberlain. All the other members of the Council, I have reason to believe, will be in Washington on or before the morning of the 14th Nov.

Rev. Sennett + Rev. Dutcher will go on to the A.O.U. meeting, but I know of no others who will be able to go from this city. Mrs. Forbes, however, may decide to go.

Answer.

Yours truly
J. A. Allen

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Sec'y Am. Ornithologists' Union,
Washington, D.C.

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Nov. 24. 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Reached home safely last night & am now wading through my mail. Find a letter from Mr. Cory, stating that the matter is all fixed with Mr. Forbes, & Mr Cutler will attend to all money matters of W. O. U., sending out bills & attend. in & collection of subscriptions & dues, funds, etc. etc. So please send notices of election & duties & Com. Memb., &c. Thereafter Mr & Mr. Forbes will collect dues. Will see Forbes in a day or two & see that he understands it all. I think he will do everything

promptly & very favourably.

Wheeler was just in & I talked over Ark matters with him & on the whole, for various reasons, considered not to have a bye bill cut down to more than 2 pages & print on a little heavier paper. It would work better & look a shade lighter, & could be cut down smaller to nearly less than one half & leave us very good use for room.

I have a very nice letter from Gen. Barnard, which I enclose, as it gives good points on the incorporation business. I will acknowledge it & tell him you will consider his views about it. I think it would be well to take his advice &

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accept his assistance. Do not fail to ask him about the revised act, particularly in respect to time the certificate of incorporation may run.

Please forward the papers for Clark left with you as soon as convenient so that I can send them to the printer for the Jan. No.

Mrs. Allen is quite well. I would if she were here join me in sincerest regards to Mrs. M. Yourself.

Ever sincerely

J. C. Allen

Ackd. Dec. 1st. Answ. in full Dec. 19/86. C.H.M.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

CENTRAL PARK, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 29, 1886,

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

I have looked over Dr. Means's letters about the specimens he sent here & find I was correct in saying that he made no mention of your name in this connection. I inclose list & memorial for your inspection.

In a former letter referring to these specimens he says: "These specimens are all for the museum, but I would like to have them kept where I can use them in writing up my final work when I come to Washington in a year or two."

I also inclose the two pp. of Bd. of Dr. This paper attacks region & the possible new variety of Spermophilus mac

Loretiomulatus. I do not like the principle, in any case, of preceding names for possible new species or subspecies, but I should not now, were the same circumstances to occur again, take so much liberty as I did in the present instance, & the time, however, I felt I was doing only as I should like to be done by in a similar case.

The Lark perfectly models the mountains.

Best Remembrances to Mrs. Merriam.

Yours truly

J. H. Miller

Please return the plates.

Rec'd. Dec. 8/86.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

CENTRAL PARK, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 3, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I am very anxious to fill out the Ward desiderata of North American Mammals, and as a last resort- very reluctantly appeal to you for aid. Some 60 species yet remain to be supplied, including the following, some of which you may be able either to supply from your duplicates, or tell me to whom I can apply for them. Any that you may be able or willing to supply

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I would be glad to buy at such prices as you may affix. You may not like to entertain such a proposition, or <u>principle</u>, but I can not propose an exchange of specimens, since I have nothing to offer that you would want. The species are as follows:—

Macrotus californicus.
Nycticeius crepuscularis.
Vesperugo georgianus
Sorex fonsteri.
Neosorex palustris
Sciurus niger.
Tamias striatus (Southern form)
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Evotomys "gapperi"
Geomys tuza
" castanops
Perognathus montivola
" penicillatus
Lepus aquaticus
" bairdi
" washingtoni
Didelphys californica

If you should not care to sell specimens, & should esteem it a great favor if you would put in communication

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As I know how busy
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AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

CENTRAL PARK, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 7, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I find I neglected to take the address of the man who makes your Mammal cabinets. I am authorized to obtain a sample cabinet, with a view to their use for our bird and mammal skin collections here.

Can I get from Cambridge a sample of the second size, with the drawers fitted to slide, like yours? If not please give me the address of your man in Lewis Co. who makes your large size. I am sorry

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J. A. Allen

Answ. Dec. 13/86.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,

CENTRAL PARK, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Many thanks for the information in your letter of yesterday. Am glad to be informed of the progress made toward getting certificate of incorporation for A. O. U.

Am glad you are willing to furnish the mammals, shall be delighted to get specimens of each of your new species + sub species!

As to the proposition about the birds, I should be only too happy to have the Museum buy them, but I am

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denied. Where expense is
involved it is useless work
to get anything considered.
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Sincerely yours
J. R. Allen

P. S. - General orders for Jan.
Ask nearly all in type. Can
you find time to send me
enough of the numbers to
enable me to give some report
of the last A. O. U. meeting?

Rec'd. Dec. 21/86.

The Auk,—Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,

Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Dec. 20, *1886.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

As there will not be time to send you proofs of rep. of A. O. U. meeting I inclose letter-press copy of portions of No 1. for your criticism. I think what I say on the question of finances will do — no further.

Yours truly

J. A. Allen

Answd. Dec. 21/86.

~~The Arts~~,—**Editor's Office,**

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Dec. 20, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I did not answer your letter of Dec. 13, in which you ask if I desire the list of Associates elected at the last meeting, simply from want of time, feeling that my no reply was really necessary — that you would take it for granted that I did not need the list.

A copy of the minutes having not yet come to hand, & it being now so late, I wrote up from memory last evening a report

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of District Supts., & Farmer Rep.,
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in proof. If I get them
within a few days.

Yours
J. A. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City, Dec. 27, 1886.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your several letters & communications of last week duly to hand & considered.

The A.O.U. minutes are in excellent form & reached me in time for me to use in revising the proofs of my report of the meeting for the Auk.

By the way, have you rec'd a letter of resignation from Prof. King, of River Falls, Wis.? I am under the impression he has sent me, but I see no

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Cal., has just sent in his
resignation as an Associate,
on the ground that his son,
Walter E., now does the anni-
thology for the Family!

I am very sorry about the
Spermophiles matter. Dr. Merriam,
you will remember, proposed his
subspecies on mainly hypothetical
grounds, or at least largely on
conjecture, which my evidence
at the time seemed to show
was unfounded. I had at the
time three or four specimens (I
think four) from San Zoyonia
Pass which did not appear to
differ at all from Merriam's de-
scription of Arizona examples.

Remembering the bad state of
the original specimens, & the fact
of their long immersion in bad
dirty alcohol, I think I had
good reason to suppose that
the yellowish cast of undersurface
& body & tail was probably due to
this & came. I not only did not
believe in the presumed difference,
but did not approve of proposing
a new subspecies on such slight
& suppositious grounds. The
matter has at least taught me
a lesson for the future — namely,
not to write other people's science!
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agrees with the Colorado desert
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I am very glad to hear that the future of the Economic Division is so hopeful.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Allen.

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Ansd. March 10, 1887.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, March 9, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam: -

What a long time has passed since we have exchanged letters! I hope everything has prospered with you, & that Congress has left you well equipped with the necessary means for carrying on your work.

Our prospects here are brightening very materially. You are of course aware that the bill for an appropriation of $400.000 for an addition to the building has become a law, & there is every

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collection of birds, & of anatomi-
cal books to the library.
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as now seems almost beyond
question they will, I shall have
some good news to write you
in a few days.

I expect also to have a few
hundred dollars to spend for
skins & skulls of North American
Mammals, this year. There is
indeed at least some hope

of soon beginning a Study
Collection of Mammals.
This plan I hope will be
favorably acted upon within
a few weeks.

By the way, if I remember
correctly, your last letter was
in reference to furnishing us
with some of our desiderata
of N. A. Mammals to mount.
I presume you have been too busy
to give the matter further atten-
tion. Whenever you can get time
to pick them out I should
be glad to have them. I should
like also a list, with prices, of
such other duplicates of your
own choice, of both Skulls & Skins,

as I think, as raised above, I ~~think~~ see my way clear to spending a little money for mammals.

A couple of weeks since I hired a small 'flat' at 164 West 128th St., & we are now settled at housekeeping, in a small way, & expect to have much more comfort than in boarding. Since we become thoroughly tired.

Kind regards to Mrs. Merriam, as ~~which~~ well as yourself, in which Mrs. A. would heartily join, were she here to be consulted.

Yours, Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Ansd. May 10/87. — C.H.M.

The Auk,—Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,

Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Cornwall on Hudson,
New York City, May 7. 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Your kind letter of May 3 duly to hand. I should have written you long since, but I met with a serious break-down about a month ago from overwork & since then have had to write as few letters as possible, & give up work entirely. I am gaining slowly & for the last few days have felt much better. It will probably be a long time, however, before I get entirely all the rest required. I have been working very hard for the year or more, but did not realize till too late the risk I was taking. I have been here for nearly three weeks, but shall probably return to the City next week.

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week. & shall then try & visit the Museum occasionally. I intend now to be very careful, & believe that if I am I shall gradually recover my normal status. This relapse (for my troubles is again nervous exhaustion) has led me to decide to give up the editorship of 'The Auk' after the present year. This work is no small tax on my time & strength. Were it not for Mrs. Allen's help I should be compelled to throw the July No. out & some other hands. We shall together try to finish this volume, after which I feel that I must insist on being relieved.

I am much pleased with what you say of my Seal paper. When my health failed the paper was in press & the plates were but half done & I was not able to give them satisfactory revision. The plates were drawn by one of Bierd's men,

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by young Ward himself. The speci-
mens are now at the Museum,
but I have not yet seen them.
Mr. Richardson says they are not very
well done.

I have a little money now
at my command, appropriated
especially for skins & skulls of
small North Am. mammals.
I would be glad to get any good
material you may wish to sell, & would
also like to employ first class
collectors &c. limited extent. Would
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results, & am quite willing my orders should be given through you & not from you, if you prefer.

I am anxious to secure limited suites of first-class specimens of our small mammals, both skulls & skins, of as many species as possible. I should be glad to make a beginning in this matter at once.

I cannot decide immediately about the barrel of Harp Seals, but think if you can wait long enough I can buy them for the Smiths Coll. of Mammals. Mr. Jesup sails for Europe in a few days to be gone a year. & I fear very little can be done in the way buying new material, ~~not already~~ the purchase of which has not been already authorized, until his return.

We now have D. G. Elliot's large Am. Library & his coll. of Humming-birds; Mr. Lawrence's collection of birds has been bought, but is not yet delivered; I shall also buy the Smiths Coll. of Brazil-ian birds mentioned in the Jan. Auk. But I am must close now -

Mrs. Allen joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam. & ever yours J. A. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City,

Cornwall-on-Hudson, May 12, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your kind letter of May 10 just to hand. Many thanks for permission to avail myself of the results of your time & trouble in training collectors. Stephens, Allen, and Hopie can furnish me, probably, with as much desirable material as I shall have the means to pay for this year. I shall open correspondence with them at once.

I return to the city tomorrow, but really not in condition for any work. I do not expect to do more at present than to attend to the necessary routine work. I could not do this were it not for the efficient

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assistance rendered me by my wife, who is indeed a comforter & helper. I rejoice that you can understand by your own experience what this means, for there is no greater blessing than a loving helpmeet.

Our kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam.

Heaven. Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Answd. May 17/87.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, May 16, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I have published nothing on Geogr. Distr. of Animals since my paper in Hayden's Bulletin. I have neither this nor Gill's paper at hand, at this writing. My views have changed somewhat, & I should qualify considerably were I to rewrite the paper, especially in reference to the Antarctic divisions. Three years ago I attempted to prepare a paper on this subject to read before the ~~Iowa~~ Second Meeting A.O.U., but I had not strength to finish it then & have not touched it since. It was in part in answer to Gill.

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Yours
J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

164 West 128 St. May 19 1887

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Am delighted to hear you may be soon in N. Y. City that I shall have the pleasure of a call from you. My house address is as above — 128 St, two or three doors East of 7th Ave.

Many thanks for your kind offer of 1716—

Yours truly J. A. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City, June 6, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

On Saturday, June 4 I sent out, through H. W. H., a call for the A. O. U. Committee on Const. & By-Laws to meet Tuesday (tomorrow), June 7, with however, authority to H. W. H. to change date, place & hour of meeting to suit the members should those I had named prove impracticable. From a letter since recd from H. W. H. it seems probable that the meeting will not be called till Wednesday or Thursday.

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in the matter, for reasons
you can doubtless easily guess.
E. C. writes he is perfectly willing
to have you meet with the Com-
mittee & H. W. H. much desires
it. While you will have no
vote, you will be able to advise
& discuss. I have asked H. W. H.
& kindly notify you of place and
date.

Sincerely Yours
J. A. Allen

Ansd. June 16/87.

~~The Auk,~~—**Editor's Office,**

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, June 13, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

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man's Warbler read. Galbraith
has taken five or Six more
Specimens in La. & S. C. L.
has a note on them, which will
follow yours. We are to have
three of them & W. B. the other
three. We would have had
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American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
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Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

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New York City, July 12, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Yours of July 9 duly ~~just received~~, as was your former letter addressed to me at Cornwall.

I am surprised that Mr. Brewster failed to find the specimens of Dipodomys. They were in one of the small cans containing Rodents, & I think the can was on the outside with the family names of the contents. If I were there I am sure I could put my hand upon them at once. I can give no further directions than

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I am spending two weeks with Mrs. Allen at a farm house at the northern base of North Mt., in the Catskills. Yesterday we drove to the Mountain House, & on to ~~the~~ Haines's Falls & home through Cauterskill Clove.

We return to Cornwall next week, to remain until Sept.

Mrs. Merriam must have greatly enjoyed her visit to Sage's & I trust her health is by this time much improved.

Mrs. A. joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. M. & yourself

Yours sincerely, J. A. Allen

Answ. Aug. 7, 1887.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
Cornwall-on-Hudson,

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York ~~City~~, Aug. 5, 1887

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Do you expect to be present at the meeting of the A. A. A. S. to be held in New York next week? I shall probably not attempt to attend the meetings but intend to be at the Museum at least one day during the meeting, & perhaps more! If you are coming on will you kindly let me know what day or days it will be convenient for you to be at the Museum & I will meet you there.—I see there is to be an excursion to West Point on Saturday. Cornwall is only about 5 minutes by train

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from West Point. Will you not join us here in Cornwall & spend Sunday with us? Mrs. Allen joins me most heartily in the invitation to you & to Mrs. Merriam. Should she be with you, as we hope will be the case. If you can let us know the train we will meet you at the station. If you should not be able to do this, take a carriage at the station for Mr. Daniel Dafts, which is about three fourths of a mile from the station (up hill), & where you will find a cordial welcome. Please reply, that we may know what to expect.

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

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I inclose three names of candidates for Associate membership in the A. O. U., who have applied to me personally in the matter. They are

H. L. Brownell, 234 Broadway
N. Y. City.

Wm. Augustus G. Paine, Jr.
24 East 61st St. N. Y. City.

Mrs. Celine Thorne Miller
Brooklyn, N. Y.

I have other names somewhere but cannot lay my hand on them now. I send these so that they may not be overlooked through any carelessness of mine, as one or two names were last year.

Yours
J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Sept. 1, 1887.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Cornwall-on-Hudson,

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Aug. 28, *1887.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter of Aug. 7, detailing your travels & mishaps in the Tennessee Mts., was read with interest, & also with regret, for we had hoped to have you with us for a day in Cornwall. You must have had a rough experience indeed, but good opportunities to study topography & the relations hereto of faunals & floras. You will of course be able to give at least a résumé of observations at the A.O.U. meeting in Boston, now only six weeks

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before this time back again
in Washington. We return to
New York in about a week,
first making a trip to Boston
+ Cambridge for a day or
two. I hope to see N. B. + make
some arrangement for the
reception of the A. O. U. in Boston,
of which event I suppose you
will very soon send out the
notices to members. My health
continues to improve, but I
am still far from strong + quickly
reach the limit of my endurance
whenever I attempt to work.
Mrs. A. joins me in kindest
regards to Mrs. Merriam + yourself.

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

Ansd. Sept. 15/87.

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City, Sept. 10, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Unfortunately I am not precisely informed as to the laws of the District of Columbia in relation to the incorporation of scientific societies, nor as to just what has been done toward ~~completing the~~ securing a certificate of incorporation under the name for the American Ornithologists' Union, although I am Chairman of the Committee on Incorporation. I presume all the necessary steps have been taken, & have

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no doubt that were the
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all would proceed smoothly.

A friend of mine who has
had considerable experience
in securing the incorporation
of similar bodies under the
laws of Massachusetts warns
me that there are certain techni-
calities of law that must be
conformed to with exactness
in order to secure vital legal-
ity & avoid subsequent com-
plications. Particularly is this
the case where an old Society
turns over its property & the
new corporate body. As you
& Mr. Henshaw know kindly

acted in my stead in this
matter, I must appeal to
you to be sure of your
ground in this matter &
provide for all the contin-
gencies of the case.

Just I would ask you to
consult our A.O.H. lawyer
in the matter — the gentleman
who kindly volunteered his
assistance — & lay before him
just exactly what we desire
to accomplish & the circum-
stances in which the A.O.H.
is now placed, particularly
the fact of its next session
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to the corporate body all its property & other belongings. Can this be legally done in Boston, & how?

Again, as to the new By-laws & Rules. Can the corporate body adopt the present draft of the By-Laws & Rules as it now stands, & these same By-Laws & Rules be modified, if it be found desirable to change them, at the Boston meeting after the old Union has been merged in the new Union?

This is an important point, for the following reasons! — (1.) The Corporate body must adopt By-laws to effect its organization. (2.) The new draft can not be completed till the Committee on Constitution & By-laws has reported it to the

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eign Members, compelling us
to raise a part to a higher grade,
& to remove the rest to a still lower
grade than they now hold. This
cannot be done without creating
unpleasant feeling on the part
of some at least (probably all)
of those knocked down to a
lower grade — and all for the
penny-wise purpose of saving
10 copies a year of the Auk when
we are constantly piling up hundreds
of back numbers for possible use in
the indefinite future. Of course
were we starting de novo the

new classification of members would not be so objectionable.

Besides this, certain verbal changes ~~are~~ in the present draft are desirable (some of them necessary), & certain transpositions of matter would be an improvement.

The points, as I understand the case, are, first, to secure a strictly, legally incorporated A. O. U. in Washington, which corporate body must, by due legal action in Washington, absorb, so far as its own acts can do this, the old A. O. U. Then, second, the completion of the act of Consolidation by due legal action on the part of the old A. O. U. at its Boston meeting, by accepting the new statutes & turning over to the

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Corporate body all its property, liabilities & privileges. If this can legally be done outside of Washington. It is on this point particularly that it would be well to have ~~the~~ a lawyer's opinion.

The thing to me still looks very complicated, for the Corporate body will of course have a complete set of officers of its own, when it adjourns to meet in Boston, & these will necessarily, in part at least, be different from the officers of the old A.O.U. An Consolidation will not the officers of the Corporate body necessarily be those of the combined societies, or must fill a new election?

And will not also the By-Laws of the Corporate body be necessarily the By-Laws of the perfected organization? In which case what becomes of the present Committee on Const. & By-Laws & its report?

This may all be very simple, in

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Council of the A.O.U., & the
Council has laid it before
the Union for its action; &
this cannot take place till
the Boston meeting. (3.) The
present draft is not, as it
stands, satisfactory to the whole
Committee, and, as I under-
stand it, is still open to revision
by the Committee before finally
presented to the Council, & that
the final meeting of the Committee
is still to be held in Boston;
for the purpose of further per-
fecting the draft. 4. For my
part, am opposed to the fourth
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The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City, Sept. 12, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your of Sept. 10 recd. When I was in Cambridge ten days ago I went & see Prof. Putnam, Pres. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist., but found him out of town & not to return till the middle of Oct. I then tried to find Prof. Hyatt, Curator of B. S. N. H., & found he was also away & would not return for some weeks. I had hoped to get N. B. to say about place of meeting, but he had put some to Lake Sunbago. Since

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of the Lecture Room for the
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Castocian B. S. N. H. & marked
as "Important." I trust the
letter will be forwarded,
but in that case I may not
get an answer for some
days. I have no doubt
the B. S. N. H. will cordially
grant the favor asked, as
they are accustomed to favor
other Societies in this way
when asked to do so. But
I have not as yet official
assurance that the lecture room
will be at our disposal. Is it
not, however, safe to assume that
it will be, & issue the notices of

this meeting to that effect. I'll
I hear from Hyatt soon, as
I hope to, will write you at
once about the matter.

As to headquarters, I hardly
know what to say, as I
know very little about the
Boston hotels. The Brunswick is very near & first
class, but of course some-
what expensive, - is within a
block or two of the Society's
Museum. I will write by
this mail to a Cambridge
friend for suggestions on
the matter of headquarters
& write results as soon as possible.

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Sincerely Yours

J. A. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City, Sept. 13, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

The inclosed explains itself & relates the matter of place of meeting of the A.O.U.—

Yours

J. A. A.

Rcvd. Sept. 16/86.

~~The Auk,~~ Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,

Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Sept. 15, *188*7.

Dear Dr. Merriam! —

The inclosed
give all the information I
have thus far recd in rela-
tion to Boston hotels. The
Quincy is a good hotel,
reached directly by horse
cars from the Museum,
& the terms are much
lower than at Vendome,
Brunswick, Parker House, or
Young's. & the accommodations
will doubtless prove satis-
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Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

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The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)
New York City, Sept. 16, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Many thanks for yours of yesterday. I am glad the matter proves so simple.— Typewritten copy of draft is at my house. Will send it on tonight, as desired.

Here is something more about Robts. "The Thorndike" it strikes me would be preferable to the Lenox House, of which I wrote yesterday. It is but a few steps from the Museum, is new, & on European plan.

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R. R. & L. S. must come.

I am sure it can be so arranged that their expenses will be very little beyond their car fares. I am quite

sure that between N. B.,
Mr. Robicheleber, & Mr.
Chadbourne it will be
not difficult to secure
entertainment for them
while in Boston. I will
see if I cannot get
invitations for them.

Since yours
J. A. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (7th Ave. & 8th Ave.)
New York City.

Sept. 16, 18

Dear Dr. Merriam.—

I send herewith the type-written copy of the By-Laws & Rules, with such modifications as I should like to see made indicated in blue pencil. The only essential change is the restoration of the old or present classification of members; the innovation was an afterthought, brought up at the last meeting of the Committee, & I think too hastily adopted. I do not believe it would be sustained now in a full meet-

ing of the Union. Many other changes for which there is no urgent necessity have occurred to me, but I have refrained from suggesting them, as I think it best to adopt the Constitution & By-Laws as they are, & make such changes as may be found necessary after a year's trial. The old Code

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The innovation of Special is the splitting up of the old "Foreign" into two classes, to be designated Honorary and Foreign, the first to receive "The Auk", &c., & the other class not to receive it, thus taking it away from ~~ten~~ whom we have thus far so honored. You can easily forecast the result! Under Corresponding Members, to cut down from 100 to 75 would leave ~~two~~ vacancies now!

The other proposed changes relate to two or three absolutely needed transpositions of matter.

With these changes all duly made I have no objection to the adoption of

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The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History.
Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City. Sept. 18, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Notwithstanding your letter to the effect that the incorporation of the A.O.U. is a very simple matter, etc., further reflection on the subject leads me to feel that the modus operandi you outline will not give satisfactory results. In the first place I think we have undertaken to do too much in one year & that the attempt at incorporation is premature. Furthermore that the method itself is unsatisfactory, as I will presently explain. What we should have attempted last year was sim-

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by the perfection of our Constitution & By-Laws. This has been attempted & is thus far all right & likely to end satisfactorily & when carried through the final stage by adoption by the A.O.U. will put us in proper position to become incorporated. Before this has been done I believe all steps in the way toward incorporation are premature. I hold now that a mistake has been made, & consider that the responsibility for it is primarily my own.

I doubt whether the present attempt at incorporation can be carried through legally & without serious complications, & if it can, that the results, as said above, will be unsatisfactory for the following reasons: 1.

(1) We are not incorporating the A. O. U. founded in New York four years ago, but a new body under the old name, so that there are now two American Ornithologists' Unions. (2) To carry out the present scheme the A. O. U. founded by some twenty ornithologists in New York in 1883 must be wiped out of existence; speaking strictly and technically. + we get in its place a new society, under the same name, founded by six persons in Washington in 1887. The six persons (now reduced to five), in order to effect organization under their certificate of incorporation, adopt by-laws + elect officers, + any members

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and officers, voting in as members all the ~~ex~~ members of the A. O. U. founded in New York. The members of course must be elected first. Here then is an incorporated society of nearly fifty active members. It is my opinion — an opinion in which I am sustained by several persons who have had experience in such matters & know all the legal bearings of the case — that the five original members are not competent to elect officers for the corporate body without duly notifying all the members — at this stage of affairs some forty-five in number — of the proposed election & giving them an opportunity to participate in the election. This I believe is a sound view of the legal aspect of the case. Neither can such an election proceed till the elected members have been duly notified of their election & in some way formally accepted membership.

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New York City, _____ *188*

I can see no way in which, as
the case now stands, this can be
carried out in the short time
intervening between now & Oct. 10.

The long & the short of it all
is just this: What we wish to
do is ~~really~~ incorporate the real
A. O. U. founded in New York in
1883; not a new A. O. U., necessi-
tating the dissolving of the old A. O. U.,
which our present attempt at incor-
poration necessarily involves. Possibly
it could be legally carried through,
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& then start de novo in the matter
of incorporation + incorporate, not
a new body, but the original A.O.U.
Furthermore, that this can be done
more satisfactorily under the laws
of New York or Massachusetts
than under the statutes of the District
of Columbia, unless the latter are
broader than your present certificate
of incorporation seems to imply.
I would therefore abandon the
present attempt at incorporation.

Please write me if you do not
think my position sound, + whether,
in your opinion, the scheme I now
advocate would not be more
satisfactory to the A.O.U. at large
than to try to carry through our
present - (as I now believe) premature
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It should be remembered that our acts as a corporate body must be done with due regard to legality in all details, & that the skiphood manner in which (in many ways) the business of not only the A.O.U. has been, & most unincorporated societies is, conducted is, in many points not in accordance with strictly legal forms. We have, perhaps, secured the results desired by the majority, but not always in due form, as for instance the election of officers, particularly at the second New York meeting.

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The Auk,—Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Sept. 22, *188*7.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

In reply to yours of Sept. 19, I am very sorry to have to say that my decision in reference to the editorship of The Auk, as communicated to you some months since, will have to be final. I had been gaining in health so well of late that I have thought at times I might try to carry on the publication another year. But the experiences of the last two weeks, in getting out the Oct. No. in connection with my other duties, shows me it is not to be thought of. I feel again quite tired out & fear I shall

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suffice to regain the ground I have
just now lost, in which case
I shall try to go on to Boston, even
if I should not be able to share
largely in the work of the meeting.

I very much regret to have
to give up the Auk, but it is
plain that I must do it. I enjoy
the work, though it has been at
times a great burden. I hope some
one will be found to carry it on
even more satisfactorily than I have
been able to.

Notice of A.O.U. Meeting just
rec'd.

Yours ever
J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Oct. 3 87.

The Auk,—Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Sept. 30, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Yours of Sept. 24 duly to hand. I am happy to say that I feel much better than when I wrote you last, & now feel quite confident of being able to attend the A.O.U. meeting.

Of course we all think of W. B. first in relation to the editorship of "The Auk," but I feel confident there is not the slightest probability of his taking it. He has neither the time nor strength, and the care

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engagements will permit.
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numbers of the N. O. C. Bulletin,
& thus has had some experi-
ence. His library qualifications
for the task are all that need
be asked for, & I think his
ornithological ability would
be fairly up to the requirements
of the case. I am however,
afraid he cannot be persuaded
to take it. If not the case
I am stuck. — The printing
should be kept at Cambridge,
for the next year at least. I do

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at the same time would make
it hard for the new editor,
whoever he might be. E. G., in
incidentally referring to the
matter, writes that should it be
offered to him he would
certainly decline it.

I know what Cook's
post is, & you have my
sympathy. But I have seen
worse! — in fact have just
finished a paper of some 20
pp. in the Cook, large portions of
which I had actually rewrote.

Mr. Coy was here yesterday,
& offered to put his house
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which you are hereby cordi-
ally & urgently invited to
attend, to be followed later
in the day by meeting of Coun-
cil, to hear the Committee's
report & act on other matters.

Will Mrs. Merriam accompany
you to Boston? Mrs. Allen has
been urging me to visit and
find out, & if so to urge you
both to stop over at our house
in New York, either in going to
or returning from Boston. If you
go on alone you must certainly
stop a day in New York before you

Rec'd. Oct. 4/87.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Oct. 2, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I am very sorry to hear through Mr. Coz that there is little if any probability of either R. R. or Dr. S. being with us in Boston. I wrote them both last night, urging upon them the ~~absolute~~ absolute importance of their coming on. Unless they do come we may find it very hard to raise a quorum of either the Council or the Union! You are doubtless in better position to judge on this point than I am. So far as I can see we can count positively on only 13 members being present, as follows:—Allen, Bailey,

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Cary, Cowes, Fisher, Henshaw, Merriam,
Purdie, Sage, Sennett. Of the follow-
ing doubtful ones ~~we may get~~
— Bendire, Cooke, Goss, Jeffries,
McGlauflin, Dwight — we may get
two or three & Wires have a quorum.
Bendire says he "would rather stay in
New York. Have just come from
Boston. Why do I want to go back
there?" But I think he can be persua-
ded to go. Dutcher cannot go, but
says he will go if we need him to
make a quorum & will telegraph for
him to come on. Dwight & the others
I know nothing about. Neither do I
know anything of Brown of Portland, Me.
Unless you know of enough outside
the thirteen, say at least three more
who are certain to come, it would
be well for you to labor with R. H. S.,
& also if possible get Barrows on. In

any event will you not kindly drop me a line as to the prospects as you understand them.

An important point has come up today in conversation with Mrs. Dutcher in reference to our proposed By-Laws — one I think all will recognize when it is noted & readily agree to. It is in reference to the term of office beginning with Jan. 1 of each year. It has not ruled me from the first, but until now I have had nothing better to suggest. It would take too much time & state the objections but in a letter. The remedy is to elect the officers on the first day of the session, immediately after hearing the reports of the Sec'y, Treas. & the Council, & the newly elected officers to enter immediately upon their duties as elected. Under the proposed excellent method of electing officers this the election can be held just as well on the first day as at any time later.

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Everybody will know in advance that the election of Officers comes on the first day & will govern their attendance at the meeting accordingly. Under the old system of election by means of a nominating Committee it of course could not be done. The advantages of the method I now propose are simply beyond questioning. This of course cannot come into action till next year — or rather it might be better to defer the change till next year, although, on second thought, I do not see why the election may not be held this year as the next business after the adoption of the new Const. & By-Laws, provided, of course, they are adopted.

The system would work in this ~~year~~ way: The present Officers would open the meeting & hold their Offices till they have submitted their annual reports, following which comes a new election, & the new Officers at once enter upon their respective functions, carry on the meeting, & open the meeting next year, holding over till their successors are duly chosen. This reduces the complications etc. of a change in Officers to a minimum, as I am fully prepared to show. It is, moreover, the current practice in incorporated bodies in all business matters, at least

As ever J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Oct. 6/87.

The Auk,—Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Oct. 5, 188 7

Dear Dr. Merriam,—

Your letters of Oct. 3 + 4 rec'd. I am glad to find that only ten Active members are necessary for a quorum, so I could things have a better look. I have no copy now of either the old Const. or the new + some how got the impression that the number required for a quorum was fifteen. Could you not send me by next mail the new draft I sent on to you recently? I should much like to have it look over again before going to Boston. Am glad

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Mrs. Merriam soon in New York, +
that your own time there is to be so
limited.

As to the Cook editorship, I had
thought of the objection you urge
in re Batchelder, + it has had all
along some weight in my mind
against the scheme; but it seems,
from my own experience, so necessary
to have this work done by one hand
that I thought this might be waived.

Your plan seems very feasible, but
I know there are practical difficul-
ties in the way that can only be duly
appreciated till the scheme is tried.
I have already tried it + have learned
what they are.

Mrs. Allen has helped me at
times very materially in the work, +

would have given me much more
assistance than she has if I had given
her the opportunity. When I wrote before
I was having a blue week. I had
nearly made up my mind to keep on
another year as heretofore, if it were
desired I should, but just then an
extra pressure of care + work came
down upon me + for a few days
I feared I was again breaking
down under the load, + yielded
to advice of friends to throw up
the task, positively. My depression,
physical + mental, was happily tem-
porary, + although I am still far
below par in vigor, I see no reas-
on why, if I am careful, I may
not soon regain my usual status.
By throwing a little more of the
task burden on my wife I sup-
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Ever
Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Oct. 18/87.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Oct. 16 *188*7.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

On your arrival home I hope you found Mrs. Merriam very much improved. I reached home about 11 P.M. & found a little woman anxiously awaiting me looking as though she had had a hard time, as indeed it proved she had, having passed the time during my absence in trying to help resuscitate some very dear friends of hers whose mother died the night I left New York. Grief & care had left its mark, but she soon rallied on my arrival.

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the trip to Boston & the many pleasant incidents of the A.O. U. meeting seems to have done me much good — as these meetings always do!

The Certificate of Incorporation is already written out & with Mr. Dutcher's kind help I trust the document will be completed & filed at the Law Office before the end of ~~next~~ this week. On looking over my list of the names I find I made inadvertently omitted the name of Mr. G. B. Sennett. from the Comm. of Incorporation. I intended to invite him, & hoped I had done so, & have told him & others he is on the Committee; ^ besides, on this I did put down as out of town & will be for some time. I beg you will add Mr.

Sennett's name to the Committee
when you enter your minutes.
It not quite regular, I think
there can be no objection to doing
it, under the circumstances.

I have notified all the
members of this Committee
of their appointment - in case
you have not already done so,
you will thus be saved the
trouble. I will also notify the
Committee on the Audubon
affair of their appointment &
thus take that off your hands.

Mr. Dukeher, I am sure, will
make an excellent & very energetic
Treasurer & will push matters that
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Mrs. Allen joins me in kindest
regards to Mrs. Merriam.
Sincerely
J. D. Allen

Rec'd. Oct. 18 1887.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Oct. 17, 1887

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

The Warbler's head I have compared with *H. bachmani* & *H. peregrina* & believe it to be the latter beyond question. The bill is not quite normal for *peregrina*, but is decidedly nearer this than to *bachmani*, which has the tip of bill extremely attenuated. The colors of head just match one fall specimen of *peregrina*, but are unlike any phase of *bachmani* we have.

Was to you last evening. Am much relieved to hear that Mrs. Merriam is much better. I wish now

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to extend Mrs. A's + my kind
regards to Mrs. Merriam so as
to include yourself, as by slip
of pen you were omitted last
evening; + on recalling the fact
to Mrs. A. she was quite disturbed,
+ I was reproved for so im-
politely omitting a part of her
message -

As ever Cordially

J. A. Allen

Answd. Oct. 22/87.

~~The Ark,~~ **Editor's Office,**

American Museum of Natural History.
Central Park. (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Oct. 21, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

The Committee on Incorporation will meet in a day or two to sign the Certificate of Incorporation in the presence of a notary. The business is being managed, as regards details, by Mr. Dutcher, under the guidance of a lawyer friend of his — the Attorney for his Life Insurance Co. — who makes such matters somewhat of a specialty.

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Washington the second Tuesday
in November, 1888. They must
hold one meeting, for the pur-
poses indicated above, but never
need hold another.

Consequently we must ~~have~~
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just as finally adopted at the
meeting in Boston; also the
minutes of the last A. O. U.
meeting, at least so far as
they relate to the adoption of
the Constitution, By-Laws, & the
election of Officers & Members
(I suppose a copy, no matter how

rough if legible, of the first
day's session would be sufficient);
and such minutes of the Council
for both last year & this year
as relate to the matter of incorpo-
ration. We need also a correct
list of the members of all grades,
including those elected at the
Boston meeting, — that is, the
printed list, corrected to date,
with the addition of members
elected since its publication.

We ought to have all this
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you for so much, but it seems absolutely necessary.

By the way, our Lawyer says we can have no Constitution other than the Certificate of Incorporation, which in law is the Constitution; our rules of Government must be termed By-Laws, or By-Laws & Rules. Consequently the title of the document adopted in Boston will have to be "By-Laws and Rules", after all!

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

The Auk,—Editor's Office,
American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Oct. 25, 1887.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of yesterday, with By-Laws & lists of members, reed this morning. Many thanks for your promptness.

The Certificate of Incorporation was duly signed yesterday & will be filed immediately. In a few days a meeting of the incorporators will be called to adopt By-laws & complete organization as a corporate body.

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The Life-Members have already all sent their checks for $100. each to the Treasurer, which with dues from Actives & Associates need up to 3 P.M. yesterday made nearly $700. then in the hands of the Treasurer!

W. D. is energetic, & deliriously will not rest easily while he runs the Treasury. The A. O. U. seems more thoroughly alive than ever.

As ever, Sincerely

J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Nov. 17/87.

The Auk,—Editor's Office,

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

New York City, Nov. 13, *1887.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

We succeeded in getting the A. O. U. incorporated last week. The quirks of the law are peculiar. We had to make a second trial before we got the thing through, the Secy of State refusing to file our first certificate, he ruled it was an association for gain, on the ground of our publishing a journal, & should be incorporated under another law than the one we incorporated under. I think we could have explained away the objection, but we thought it better to draw up new articles & omit the objectionable clause. It formed that as soon as the certificate was filed the power of the incorporators ~~ceased~~ would cease, unless they were also made the

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U. the Managers, because they were so
scattered. It would be impracticable to
get them together to take the action
necessary to complete organization as
a corporate body. As the number con-
stituting the Board of Managers is fixed
by the Certificate of Incorporation, it was
necessary to incorporate with twelve persons
— the number composing the B. O. U.
Council. There was nothing left but
to muster twelve New Yorkers to act
as incorporators, & also to be the
Board of Managers for the first
year. By taking both Active & associates
I was able to raise that number,
& all of whose signatures we succeeded in
getting in one day, our notary visiting
the homes of several of the incorporators
for this purpose. This was done on Nov.
3. The next day the Certificate was sent to

the Secy of State, & also filed with the Clerk of the County of New York. On Nov. 6 we received notice from the Secy of State that the Certificate was approved & filed at Albany on Nov. 5, which is the date of actual incorporation. On Nov. 10, pursuant to my call, ten of the twelve incorporators met, sitting in the capacity of a Board of Managers. They elected a Chairman & Secretary, after a statement from me of the purposes & business of the meeting, & proceeded to organize (Allen in the chair, Dutcher as Secy), which was done by adopting in due legal form the By-Laws & Rules of the A. O. U. — the type-written copy you kindly sent me. All the members of the A. O. U. were then formally elected by ballot to the corporate body. This completed all the necessary business & the Board

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then adjourned, sine die. There is nothing more to be done before the next meeting of the A.O.U., in Washington next November. Then the Chairman of the Committee of Incorporation will report to the Council, transmitting to the Council all the legal papers (or copies of them, the original being on file in New York and Albany), with full minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors. The Council (presumably) will accept the report & ~~the recommend the Association accept the Incorporation~~ Articles of Incorporation & turn over the assets & liabilities of the A. O. U. to the Corporate body, by which act the work of incorporation is completed. The corporate body thus lies dormant (practically) for the first year of its existence. This is obviously the easiest way to let matters run for the present, & the only way possible without calling a meeting of the Council for the special purpose of immediately ratifying the incorporation, in which case the

officers of the A. O. U. would be, for the rest of the year, the Board of Managers of the Corporate body — a status both unnecessary & undesirable. Mr. Batcher has proved a most efficient assistant in this whole matter, & has saved me a great deal of the routine work. This has all been done under the guidance of this Company's attorney, Mr. Wm. C. Ford, who makes no charge for his services, & should therefore, in due time, receive a vote of thanks from the Council.

It is now about time to send to the printer, for the Jan. Auk, a sketch of the Boston meeting. Would be glad to have you write it this time, if you will; if not I shall have to ask you for a copy of the minutes of the meeting, so that I or Mr. Batchelder can do it.

Last week the Nat. Acad met here, but I was unable to attend, although I intended to do so, at least part of the time. All I saw of it was the reception at Mrs. Draper's — a very fine affair.

I trust you are now fairly settled in your new home, & that you & Mrs. Merriam are both well. Mrs. A. joins me in kindest regards to you both.

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

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American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Jan. 6, *1888*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

How many copies (separates, with cover) ~~does~~ of By-Laws etc., were to be printed? Please reply above.

I got galley proofs only two days ago & only met at that, much to my disgust. Page proofs recd today. I send you a slip will hold them back printing till Monday or Tuesday, to give you a chance for corrections.

Your letter about the H. coll. just recd. Will hurry up the matter as fast as possible, but I really dare not hope for a decision

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In great haste

Yours truly

J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Jan. 26/88.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Jan. 23, 1888.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I fear it is too late for the extras of p. 112, but I have written Wheeler to print you 100 if the type is still standing.

Dutcher & I have gone very carefully over the Ass. List & it has gone to press. I did not send it to you for two reasons, — first, to save time; second, because Mr. Dutcher & Forbes together have all the additions down to the latest possible date & many changes have been made from those you gave in your list.

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The matter of the Henshaw Collection is not yet settled, & it looks as though there would be nothing done till after the next meeting of the Trustees, sometime in February — I think about the 10th. I do not know what will be done, but I think I have good ground to be hopeful that a favorable decision will be reached by March 1.

I have bought the remnant of Stephens's coll. of Mammals. 8 or 9 specimens. Are not his Tamias from the San Bernadino

Mrs. Your *T. macrostabolobes*?
or rather part of them? He
has two forms from there, one
of which I think is yours & the
other a "between" form, which
is not *T. mac.*, nor *T. dossalis*,
nor *T. townsendi*; nor anything
else yet named, yet evidently
related ~~dos~~ more or less nearly
to each of these.

Elliot & Richardson got a
single *Arricola* of the *riparius*
group, but evidently not *riparias*,
nor anything else known to me.
It is from Northern Montana &
was taken from the stomach of
an *Arctibutes furiginieus*. I
have, however, no satisfactory
material for comparison. Do
you think you could name it
if I should send you skin
& skull?

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Answ. Feb. 3/88.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Jan. 31, 1888.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I send with this the skin of the Montana hyemalis nones & two skulls, one of which (the one with the thread on it) is from the skin.

I also send ~~two~~ three skins of Tamias collected by J. Stephens in the San Bernadino Mts. Of the one labelled macrorhabdotes, which is not that species, I should like to see what macrorhabdotes looks like. This specimen (and three others in the same lot) seem to me to tally well with your description of this form. The other two skins of Tamias I send are from those referred to in my

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Sincerely
J. H. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Feb. 4. *1888*

Dear Dr Merriam! —

Your letter of yesterday & the box of Mammals both before me. Many thanks for the name of the mouse. I have entered the skin as No. 1210; the skull as No. 302.

I see your Jamiás maero-rhabdotis is quite different from the Stephens specimens, which seem to represent two unnamed nameable forms.

I wish you would give us a paper on this troublsome group & ~~pick out~~ some names for these several southwest forms. I suppose you already

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little series from Arizona
collected by Scott.

Will return your specimen
soon.

With many thanks for
the information so cheerfully
supplied,

Yours sincerely

J. A. Allen

Thanks for the paper for
"The South," duly read.

Rec'd. Mar. 3/88.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Feb. 18, 1888.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Yours of yesterday before me. The Mus rattus - alexandrinus ~~alexandrinus~~ common-drum is too much for me. I have seen many specimens of so clearly an intermediate character as to render their reference to the one rather than the other impossible. I forgot to reply on this point when answering your letter in which you referred to the matter.

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thousand specimens, collected at properly distributed localities, I may consent to take it up. Until then you need not look upon me as a rival for laurels in this particular field.

The Trustees met last Monday evening, but took no final action in the matter of the Henshaw Coll., nor do I know just how much the scheme was favored. Wednesday I had a talk with Mr. Jesup on the say subject, the result of which was that I am to try to raise the money by subscription! I am writing a series of articles for several of our leading city papers on the needs of the Museum,

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pointed appeal for aid for
my own department. This
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cular letter to people who
ought to give something.
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By the way, most of my recommendations were adopted. You will be pleased to hear that I am to have an assistant, & that Frank M. Chapman is the man. He leave Florida at once & will report here for duty March 1. (The salary, shameful to say, is merely nominal, but this with him was hardly a secondary consideration.)

Answd. July 31/88.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

~~New York City,~~ July 25, 1888.

Glenwood Hotel.
Cold Spring Harbor.
Long Island, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Merriam! —

I am of course delighted that the missing Beagle volume has been found! I had given up all hope of it from your quarter — although my first suspicion as to its manner of disappearance proves now to have been correct.

On my return to New York I wrote Mr. K. J. a detailed

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I have not written H., presuming he left sometime since for the Pacific coast.

Mrs. Allen joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam & yourself.

Sincerely, Yours J. K. Allen

Ackd. Oct. 15/88.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Oct. 1 *188*8.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I appreciate highly your great kindness in writing me such an interesting letter from Olympia, when every moment of your time must have been precious to you. Supposing you to have now reached Washington I hasten to make my acknowledgements.

Every thing goes on here as usual, with Mr. Chapman's invaluable help am making good progress in getting the

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collections in order. All the mounted N. Am. & S. Am. birds are now catalogued, & all the skins, except the Lawrence Collection, which we are nearly ready to attack. We are stopping now for a few weeks to write up a few bird papers for the Museum Bulletin.

I trust your journey throughout was pleasant & profitable & that you are safely back in Washington.

My wife heartily joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam & yourself.

Yours truly

J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Nov. 1/88.

American Ornithologists' Union.

Founded, New York, Sept. 26, 1883.

Oct 28, 1888.

Dear Dr. Merriam,—

I see by the A. O. U. notice that the meetings will be held in the Lecture Room of the U. S. National Museum, I am very glad of this, or at least that they are to be held at the Museum, although a smaller hall & a quieter place would be desirable, especially for the business portion of the first day's session, which this year must be private & confined to Active Members, since the qualifications of candidates

for active membership are liable to be discussed, more or less. Such discussion should of course be private & confidential, & no one outside of the active members is supposed to know what is said. Could one of the office rooms be obtained for this particular session? A room large enough to hold twenty people would do.

I will call a meeting of the Council for 11 A. M. Monday, Nov. 12, to be held at Hall. Mrs. A small office room would be desirable for this, & doubtless Prof. Goode can assign one for the purpose.

American Ornithologists' Union.
Founded, New York, Sept. 26, 1883.

I suppose the Committee of Arrangements, of which you will please not as the head in my absence, will look after all necessary details in such matters as the above. Will there be any place of general rendezvous for the members, aside from the Nat. Mus.? Have you any particular hotel to suggest?

It is doubtful whether Mr. Sennett will be present, & Mr. Elliot is disappointed in having a business engagement in South Carolina which comes on the same date as the A. O. U. meeting & will prevent his attendance. I think there will be a good attendance, however, from this way.

Sincerely Yours J. A. Allen

Ansd. Nov. 1/88.

New York City
Oct. 28, 1888.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

So
far as I can learn every
body from here to Boston
who propose going on to Wash-
ington to the A.O.U. meeting
will go the Saturday preceding
the meeting. I had intended
to go on Sunday afternoon,
reaching W. the same even-
ing. The attraction of so
much good company
may lead me to go with
the crowd, on Saturday
evening. Will let you
know later whether to

look for us Saturday even-
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By the way, Dr. C. ~~has~~
sent me long ago a pres-
sing invitation to stop with
him, which of course prior
engagements rendered im-
possible. He now wishes to
invite friends to meet us at
dinner as early in the A.O.U.
week as possible, express-
preference for Tuesday even-
ing. I have written him that
I foresee nothing to prevent
our accepting his invitation
for that evening. I mention
this to you thus early in
the hope that such an arrange-
ment will not disturb any
plans of yours.

Mrs. Allen has just answered

Mrs. Merriam's very cordial
letter, I anticipate a great
deal of pleasure from her
Washington visit. As I propose
to try & do a little bird work
by aid of Mr. R. & the Nat. Mus.
Coll. after the meeting is over
Mrs. Merriam's pleasant little
scheme of shooting Mrs. A.
the sights may be quite
possible, but we hope not
to tax your hospitality
beyond endurance. I suppose
we must have at the Am. Mus.
at least 1000 specimens of
Tyrannidae, Dendrocolaptidae,
and Formicariidae in addition
to those in the Lawrence Coll.
I have worked on them till
I am nearly distracted, & have

a large undetermined kind, so far
as my resources here are
concerned, undeterminable)
residuum to take with me
to Washington, which will
doubtless furnish several
undescribed species & possibly
some new genera. I find
this sort of work very per-
plexing & at the same time
very fascinating.

With kindest regards to
Mrs. Merriam

Yours truly

J. A. Allen

New York City, Nov. 3, 1888.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Secretary A. O. U.

Dear Sir:—

A meeting of the Council of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held in Washington, D. C., Nov. 12, 1888, at 11 A. M., at the residence of the Secretary, Dr. C. Hart Merriam, 1919 Sixteenth Street, N. W.

J. A. Allen
Pres. A. O. U.

Rec'd. Dec. 10, 88

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American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Dec. 7. *1888.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

I have written on the inclosed my suggestions as to typography & paper for abridged Check List, & have little more to add here. As to color I would favor a slightly tinted paper, like that used in the Check, & have nothing here at home to refer to or compare with, but I think Coues's last Check List & Lexicon would be worth looking at in this connection. I think he used brown-ochre tints for the Latin names, with very good effect.

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paper in The Check (or Nuttall (Bull.) was objected to by several, including W. B., & it was thereupon changed to unglazed, which I personally much prefer. You will of course send samples of both paper & left around generally to the members of this Committee before adopting either finally. I should also like much to see proofs of the Check-List as it passes thro' the press.

As to size of ed. - 2000 copies seemed to me large but you headed what W. B. & others said in favor of a large edition. I think we might sell 1200 to 1500, & the extra cost of the volumes, for paper & printing,

would not be very great.

We reached home Tuesday night, & since then I have done nothing but write letters, attend to official back work, & prepare copy for the book. The two days rest in Baltimore loosed me up greatly, & I reached home feeling much the better for my trip. I find I omitted to do many things I intended to do, & now much regret we did not find a little morning to look at museums & bath shops. Still I was troubled about staying so much over my time, & for various reasons. Still Mrs. A. & I agree that our Washington visit was the best visit we either of us ever had. So

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ever had. So as the time draws swiftly, & we are not yet through talking of our pleasant experiences & our delightful sojourn with you and Mrs. Merriam. Susie has just written to your good Mom at Portland, & we are looking with eagerness & impatience for the promised visit from her on her way back to W.

By the way, I am in doubt as to just how some matters were decided by the Union & Council & would I be asking too much for a duplicate copy of the minutes of both so far as they relate to matters of business? I also meant to have seen your record of the ballots for delegates & members, & so far as they relate to the fourth Candidate. Is there anything new in this last relation? I feel nothing to labor

Rec'd Dec. 22/88.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Dec. 19 *1888.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Yours of yesterday rec'd. Many thanks for offer & Council humulis.

The matter of Spermophila has been put in Mr. Lawrence's hand, & he has already prepared a note-sent for Jan. Auk. He calls the Rio Grande bird Spermophilus Harperi; but I will try & have Spermophilus changed to Spermophilus in proof.

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We are looking daily
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must not return without
coming to see us. She
will be war of the days!

In haste
Sincerely Yours
J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Dec. 22/88.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Dec. 20, 1888.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

We were much pained to hear this morning of Mrs. Merriam's illness at Portland. Susie had a letter from her this morning. We both feel very sad over the news it contained, and while we regret our loss of the eagerly looked for visit we are much more distressed over the cause which renders it postponement necessary.

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some $50. in hand I would
like to expend for small
Mammals before Jan. 1st.
Can you tell me if any in
the market, from parties other
than the Brumley, Stephens,
& C. A. Allen Creations.

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Truly

J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Dec. 23, *1888.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

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I'd just felt sick when we found your card under our door yesterday morning. Nothing else will express the feelings that went over us (Friday night), at 1-10 P.M. I was at the Lincaeans, shooting on Tyrannidae (reached home 11.10), but Susie was sitting in the parlor & heard no bell or rap at the door. It was just too bad that you did not make a bigger racket & gain admittance.

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Merriam comfortable & that
her illness is not proving
serious. It would have
done us both so much
good to have seen you,
if only for a minute.

Kindest regards to
Mrs. Merriam & to yourself
from us both —

Believe
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Yours
J. A. A.

Rec'd. Dec. 24/88.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Dec. 24, *1888.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I have noticing to suggest as regards title-page, paper or typography of the Check-List. It is very nice to run concordance into same line with Explicit name, & for labeling purposes is much better than to have it a special line, & in the Check-list name the coördinate all the Check lists of over full two pp." It also saves space and makes the page look better.

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American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Jan. 9. 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam; —

Proofs of Check-List read this morning. I have suggested an addition to the preface, explaining what the Concordance means, which would be all Greek to those who had never seen the original edition. The first 304 lines might be omitted, if you think best, & begin the "The Concordance gives", etc.

I have also raised a query respecting a possible 2 S. I. Wos

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& C. maynardi, I remember
the latter was to go in, but
seems true we found no
specimens of true C. minor
from Florida in the S. I. coll.
We have only West Indian
specimens & it has. R. R.
in his Man. gives Louisiana
as well as Florida for C. Minor.
If he can back his record
with specimens of course C.
minor should go in; otherwise
I should prefer to see it simply
replaced by C. maynardi.

Apropos of the Night Hawk
Case, ask R. R. about some
Views Mr. Chapman sent
him some weeks ago.

I do not see how we are
to do anything in reference to
these "afterthoughts", or late
discoveries & opinions. There
are several points I am
less satisfied about in reference
to the Skeletons & several Forms
than I was when I left
N.Y., but I do not propose
bagatelle them at this late
date.

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Jan. 10, 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Can you do anything for our friend Dalglish? If practicable I would suggest that Bolts Nelson's & Turner's reports be sent to him, as they could scarcely reach more appreciative hands.

I would not trouble you in the matter if I knew what other course to take.

Yours

J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Feb. 21/89.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Feb. 16 *188*9.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Mrs. Mer-
riam's kind letter & Susie
received this morning. The
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on Saturday (Feb. 16) & seems
to have been very satisfactory.
& Susie is doing as well as
could be expected. & the matter
had been so long neglected
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Am sorry to hear that your health is so unsatisfactory, I trust you will take all possible care of yourself.

I am of course feeling pretty seedy, under the experiences & strains of the last few days.-

Ever yours

J. L. Allen

Advanced sheets of C. L. read yesterday. Supplement is all in type & will have proofs to send around in a few days.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Feb. 25, *1889*

Dear Dr. Merriam; —

I send proofs of Supplement — hurriedly. Please look over & return promptly. I also send a set — by this mail to R. R. & E. C.

Will you kindly secure the copyright — I inclose duplicate set & proofs for this purpose

Yours

J. A. Allen

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,
CENTRAL PARK, (77TH ST. & 8TH AVE.)

DEPARTMENT OF
MAMMALOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY,
J. A. ALLEN, CURATOR.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27, 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I cannot find that I have anywhere published just the statements Hon. St. John attributes to me, although something bearing upon the point may be found in an article of mine on "The Flora of the Prairies" in the Am. Nat. IV, pp. 577-585 (see last half of p. 584), although I may have done so in a series of newspaper articles in the Springfield Republican, in the summer of 1867, written in the field. Doubtless Hon. St. John derived his information from me abroad, as we were in the field together for three months in 1867, when we discussed freely all such matters, for then this subject was then something of a hobby with me.

Truly Yours
J. A. Allen

Rec'd Feb 28 89.

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AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,
CENTRAL PARK, (77TH ST. & 8TH AVE.)

DEPARTMENT OF
MAMMALOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY,
J. A. ALLEN, CURATOR.

NEW YORK, Feb 27. 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I you will be delighted to hear that the Doctor yesterday found the operation, performed ten days before, had been a complete success! I now hope the dear little woman will soon recover her strength & be able to enjoy life much more fully than heretofore.

Your kind letter of last week was very comforting.

Hope you are again in usual health.

With kindest regards &

Yours Merriam

Yours &
J. A. Allen

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American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, March 1, 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

I inclose a few pages of proof returned by R. R. What is it he wants in the way of credit for the "two members", two to the other besides himself? I have spent several days over the Supplement in getting it into present shape, but I count no credit. I spent at least three months on the Code & C. L. outside of Committee sessions, but never thought of claiming recognition for it. You have had the whole

work of preparing copy and carrying through the press the Abridged C.L., but I see no mention of the fact in the Preface of that brochure.

R. K. had the Ms. draft of the Preface finalized & a.o.k.!

Then again the deletion at p. 9. It is not in the Abridged C.L. & if put in there will cause recurring for 11 pp. Will it do much harm to let it wait till next year, when of course there will be another supplement. there being two or three pieces already added.

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This brings up the addition to p. 9 again. Do you favor it? ~~If you~~ If it is a pity it was not thought of soon enough to get it into the abridged C. L.

Yours J. R. Miller

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, March 2, 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Yours of Feb. 28 in relation to Mr. Chapman reed. Frankly, I should be thoroughly disheartened & lose Mr. Chapman. Furthermore, as to the matter of his compensation here: He has asked for an increase of salary, & it has been favorably considered; the precise amount will not be determined till he returns & Mr. Jesup can confer with him personally. as Mr. C. did not state the

I do not think I am overstating the case, but I do not wish to be misunderstood in the matter. I am willing to do my part to secure Mr. C. & I am confident we can do so.

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Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, March 4, 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Jun Foster
would like instructions as to
discount & trade on abridged
Check-Lists. He suggests 40
40 per cent. on orders of 100 or
upwards. What do you say?

It strikes me that this would
be pretty liberal, although leaving us
30 cts net per copy. If we sold
a thousand only at this rate it
would bring us $300, & then there
would doubtless be a large retail
sale besides.

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it with Abr. C. L. Which is right? I
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J. T. C.

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American Museum of Natural History,
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Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Mch. 30 *1889.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your note for Auk duly to hand, but too late for April No., which was then all made up & is now printed. It should reach Foster by tomorrow or Tuesday.

Mr. Jesup has returned, but as yet I have had no chance to talk with him, but expect to have it in a day or two.

The Supplement is out, & has been in Forbes' hands for several days, but as yet I have not seen a copy! I will write him & send a copy ~~o copy~~ to each member of the Pub. Com. The 300 copies cost $ 65. — The cheapest printer

bill & have seen for some
time — 23/ft. besides cover.

Mr. Dukeher is very despondent
over the bills & the slow sale of the
Abridged C. L. — & think unnecessarily
— & so, for there has not been time
yet for the demand to develop. He
& Foster urge sending out a
circular advertising all of the
A.O.U. publications. Foster says
he can easily send out 1000
at no cost — & that A.O.U. Dukeher
has a scheme involving an ex-
pence of about $25 to $30, in
which he has great confidence.
It is a circular letter to accom-
pany the regular circular, which
he proposes to send to 5000
Professors, & school superintendent
& teachers. He has just tried
it with great success in his

insurance business, & he believes it will do great things for the sale of the various Check-Lists & Thrlcuth. I think it at least a safe investment, & that it may be well worth trying. As the returns are almost beyond question likely to exceed the outlay, & may greatly extend the sale of all the A.O.U. publications, I am inclined to favor the experiment. What do you think of it?

By the way, you have never answered me about the Bendire paper! Shall I send it to you, with another I have of doubtful availability, to lay before the Publ. Comm.? Mr. Austin F. Park of Troy was here

yesterday & the A.O.U. was talked of, & I found several other members who were much interested in the success of the Union. Both of these gentlemen are important men in their communities & with your co-operation I would have printed circulars about the Union sent out & distributed by members of the Union. Shall do this?

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yesterday & offers a paper on the brains of birds — absolute & relative weight of whole brain & its various parts in about 100 species of birds & some 300 specimens. Besides introductory & other general text, there will be about 12 pp. of table matter. I have gone over his record book & ~~the~~ couple pages of table matter, & think his results are important & of more or less general interest. Mr. Brewster is familiar with Mr. Parks work, & I believe you are also to some extent.

I would like to see the paper printed in the Smith, but how about — our vols last year ruling out anatomical papers? As he proposes & adduces me a formal offer of the paper with sample extracts, I shall also refer this to Publ. Comm.

Chapman is having great success

in Florida, I expect him home in about two weeks. At last accounts he had taken two specimens of Neofiber, had shot the living animal, and made electrode studies of its nesting habits, etc. Also 15 Coues Tern eggs, 2 Baeheuri Warblers, & various other varieties, besides large series of common things.

For a long time I have been wishing to hear how you are satisfied with the new régime in the Agr. Dept. Are things about to your liking? Has the status improved under the new Administration? I intended to ask you for a statement about your work & prospects for 'Hole & Corner', but forgot—it till too late. — In fact I have been very 'seedy' for the last three weeks, & am so

still. I intend to take a few days off as soon as F. M. C. returns.

Mrs. Allen is now very much better. She joins me heartily in kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam and yourself.

Ever

Sincerely

J. H. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, April 12, 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I trust I may be able to see you next week, as I have this morning suddenly decided to attend the meeting of the National Academy. Mrs. Allen will go with me, as I think the change will do us both good. ——— Since writing the above your letter of 10th inst. read. Thanks for replying so fully to my various inquiries. As I hope to see you I have a chance to talk over various

matters soon I will not-
attempt to write much
now. Will bring on the
Bandeira papers, & some other
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We shall leave here
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With kindest regards
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Yours sincerely
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American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, May 13, 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Will you kindly send me the address of the man in Washington who makes the tanks for alcoholic specimens?

Have asked authority to print, as soon as copy can be prepared, another Mus. Bull., to contain papers by Chapman & myself on Mam. & Bds. — Shall have answer in a day or two, & probably a favorable one.

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Many, many thanks for copies of "Directions for the Head. etc of Mammals". which I have placed where they will do much good.

Have not forgotten my promise to send you out of my papers & will try & do so soon -

Yours

J. A. Allen

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,
CENTRAL PARK, (77TH ST. & 8TH AVE.)

DEPARTMENT OF
MAMMALOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY,
J. A. ALLEN, CURATOR.

NEW YORK, May 21, 188 9.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

In reply to yours
of yesterday I am sorry to have to
say that the type of Maximilian's
Procyon fasciatus is not in our
collection. Although I did not remem-
ber having seen it, I took it for grant-
ed, when you asked me about it, that
it must be in the Max. Coll. I find,
however, that it is not, & that it never
has been since the collection has been
in my charge, as the name does not
appear in the Catalogue of the mammals
made by me during the first year of
my curatorship here. The specimen probably
came with the Maximilian Collection, as
I find entered at p. 62 of the "Verzeichniss
der Sammlung Mammalia" the following:

"Gs. 190. Peromyscus Wied. ...
1. fasciatus Wd. ....
North America im Westen, oder
Missouri
a. Ausgst. 6. Schädel."

It may have been in bad condition & for this reason discarded, or else exchanged, some years since, when many Maximilian specimens of mammals were summarily disposed of. The probability is that the specimen is not now extant.

Very truly Yours
J. A. Allen
Curator.

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New York City, May 21, 188 9.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

You will be glad to know that we have made provision for prompt publication hereafter of papers based on the material of the American Museum, or on the work of its Associates. The plan is to publish one No. of the Bulletin a year, but issue a small edition of each paper it may con-

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at all times — something
we have much needed, but-
have not had before.
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Chapman came by myself
went to press yesterday. We
shall probably issue a bull-

48 pp. of bird & mammal matter during the next three weeks.

Mrs. A. & I are both very sorry about our inability to join you & Mrs. Merriam in the proposed Arizona trip, but I find my bank account too low & my prospective expenditures for the next six months too great to allow me to seriously think of it. Should it happen that Mrs. Merriam should not go with you we both earnestly hope that she may be able to

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join us in a trip to the Catskills for a month or six weeks. We think of going somewhere in the region of Big Indian & Pine Hill, but have not yet made definite arrangement.

Just now our household goods are upside down, our flat being in the hands of the decorators & painters.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam & yourself from us both,

Yours as ever

J. A. Allen

Am glad to hear you have been able to establish the publications of which you spoke to me.

Pine Hill, Ulster Co., N. Y.

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~~*New York City*~~, Aug. 15, 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Mrs. Allen and I were greatly delighted to hear of your safe arrival in the wilds of Arizona, & especially gratified that you should take the time under such surroundings to let us hear from you. We have often mentioned you during the last few weeks, & have been quite anxious to know whether Mrs. Merriam went with you. It was very tantalizing to us both that we could not accompany you, but it was clearly impracticable, for several important reasons. We are very glad you find the

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climate & the surroundings so delightful, & hope every thing will prove favorable for your comfort - and success.

Mrs. Allen seems to be gaining in strength, one day last week we took a six mile tramp to one of the neighboring lesser heights of this picturesque region, which speaks well for us both, as neither of us felt any the worse for it afterward. We are very pleasantly situated in the western Catskills, at an elevation of 2000 ft., with the range of the temperature thus far 48° to about - 73°. Today it was only 63° at 2 P. M. We are at a farmhouse, with a house full of very cultivated ^genial people, mostly from Philadelphia & New York. The beds and table are both good, + we have no

trouble in passing the time pleasantly.

I see you are very near Scott's old stamping-ground, as Flagstaff was his P.O. address. So I suppose that both the birds & mammals you mention must be fairly well represented in the collection we bought of him. He did not, however, get any species of Sciurus.

We should indeed enjoy being with you, but it makes us both sigh that we are not there.

We both join in kindest regards & heartiest best wishes to both you & Mrs. Merriam.

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

Answd. Oct. 12/89.

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Oct. 10, *1889.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

From what I hear of your movements, I suppose you are now back again in Washington. From what Dr. C. H. Willis has told me I fear you & Mrs. Merriam met with some unpleasant experiences after you wrote me from the San Francisco Mts., in the way of bad water & other discomforts in the deserts. My wife & I have often spoken of you & have been for weeks very anxious to hear from you. We hope your trip was not marred by any serious hardships & that Mrs. M. was able to enjoy the rough life of the frontier.

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was very weak & nervous after
our return to the City. This was
followed by severe malarial
attacks, complicated with a light
bronchitis. She has been con-
fined to the bed nearly all of
this time for the last- three
weeks, but- is now improving
& sits up a part of each day.
I hope she will now grow
strong rapidly, but- I course
she may not- escape further
attacks. At- any rate it seems
certain we will have to give
up our cherished plan of giving
a reception at our house to the
A. O. U., unless she mends very
rapidly. But we do not- give
up our little scheme of having

you & Mrs. Merriam with us during the week of the A. O. U. meeting! This we cannot—print up, unless Susie is actually in bed. We trust, however, that by that time she will be quite strong again & well able to make your stay with us a pleasure to you & a great comfort & treat to ourselves.

By the way, I have a confession to make! About a month ago we received from Southern Mexico a collection of about 500 mammals, representing about 17 species. At least 4 of them are new species or subspecies, & include a new form of Tamias from the high Mts. of the State of Jalisco! The new ones I have named as

follows: (1.) Sciurus alstoni — a large species differing from all other Mexican Sciuri in having only 1 premolar, thus allied to the S. niger group of the U. S. (2.) Spermophilus grammurus macrourus (ex Bennett, 1833); (3.) Tamias a. bulleri, so distinct from anything else I first regarded it as specifically distinct from the T. asiaticus group. (4) Sigmodon fulviventris — a form specifically distinct from S. hispidus berlandieri (of which toltecus de Sauss. is a pure synonym). There were also a specimen each of Spermophilus annulatus (the record extant!), Heteromys mexicanus, H. agilis, & H. leucopus tororensis. The Bats are in Dr H. Allen's hands, two of which I believe are subspecifically new. My paper is already in type, & I have seen galley proof of it.

The new Tamias led me into a general consideration of the Tamias asiaticus group, — & here is where my confession comes in. I of course

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New York City, ... *18*

found it necessary to compare
my new forms with, especially, Arizona
& Southern California material, & it
was awkward to compare it with
forms that had no names. You
remember the San Bernadino series
collected by Stephens; that it includes
two forms, one of which I supposed
was T. macrorhabdotis like your
set - me right, both without names;
& that in connection on them in
my letter to you of Feb. 4, 1888, I asked
you to take up the group of T. ocist-
icus & give us names for the new
Southern forms, at the same time
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over to you". I said when I was able to have a thousand specimens under my eye at once I would attempt it but-at-present- you need not look upon me as a rival in this particular field, etc. Had you been in Washington three weeks ago I would have again laid the case before you, but-leaving that no one knew when you would return, & being anxious to get my new species into print without delay, I went-ahead on Tamias to the limit of my own material; & found my interest in the group to develop so strongly that I felt quite willing to call in all the material available & attempt a general revision of the asiaticus group. Being again on old Hampden ground, I was much impressed with the different way the elements of the problem look to me now from what they did 12 to

15 years ago! This summer we have received large series of Bolts townsendi + quadrivittatus from British Columbia, showing a rather surprising state of affairs on that line. As I can easily get the large series in the Agassiz Museum, + probably the Nat. Mus. series, we now have quite a series here, I am quite willing, if consistent with your plans + interests, to wrestle once more with these little rodents, provided of course you are willing to allow me the use of your own superb series.

The so-called T. kincaidi from California is positively separable from true townsendi from further north; + if there is intergradation between townsendi + quadrivittatus I feel it must be looked for in California. If begins to look to me as though Bolts townsendi + dorsalis would have

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& be accorded specific rank! Yet the pole, gray obvaceous gray San Bernardino form (which in my paper I call merriami!!) seems to be a link between townsendi & dorsalis. The other San Bernadino form, more like quadrivittatus, I have not named, but - speak of it as well entitled to at-least subspecific recognition. — So I have most unexpectedly, & via Southern Mexico, got my foot over more into the Tamias jungle!

With kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam, from both Susie & myself,

Ever sincerely

J. A. Allen

Answd. Nov. 5/89.

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Department of
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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Oct. 14, 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam —

Your letter of 12th Oct. reed this morning. Am very glad to hear of your safe return, & that no serious mishaps befel you and Mrs. Merriam on your long journey. Mrs. Allen still improves, & is once more about the house as usual, though not yet strong.

Your reply to my proposal to take up the *Tamias asiaticus* group is All I could ask! I know that my conclusions will depend very largely upon

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at my disposal. I shall now
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Cambridge series. I do not
think you need send me
all of your Skulls; a few
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line.

I suppose I shall not be
able to do much on Tanagas
till after the A. O. U. meeting.
I have about 50 pp. of bird
+ mammal matter now
passing through the press,
+ have just started in on a
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The Lawrence Coll. is now all Catalogued, leaving less than 2000 specimens up stairs to be entered. But there are about 6000 on exhibition yet to be identified, Catalogued & labelled. So we are by no means out of work yet, while new & unidentified material still slowly comes in. Have just bought about 200 Brazilian birds, recently collected at Santarem.

Ever Sincerely
J. A. Allen

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Oct. 28, 1889.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Secy Am. Orn. Union.

Dear Sir:—

A meeting of the Council of the A. O. U. will be held on Monday, Nov. 11, 1889, at 11 A. M., at the house of Mr. William Dutcher, No. 525 Manhattan Ave., New York City.

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J. A. Allen
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American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.

New York City, Nov. 3, 1889.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I hope we shall see you and Mrs. Merriam as early as Saturday next at the Cabot, so that we can have Sunday together to talk up various A. O. U. matters for the Council meeting on Monday, & also many other things of mutual interest.

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furnish lunch for the visiting
members, which will be served
at the Museum. I know of
know elaborate festivities
for the entertainment of mem-
bers. Sue's illness has of course
made it necessary for us to
abandon our plan of giving
an informal reception, as we
had hoped to do. Mr. Dutcher
~~has~~ will provide a lunch for
the Council on Monday, & has
thought some of getting up

some kind of a reception,
but I hardly think he will attempt
it. Mr. Sennett will not
return to the city till the end
of this week, & Mr. Elliot has
gone to New Mexico & will not
return till after the meeting.

Horned Larks are pouring
in by the hundred, & I hope
you will persuade Mr. N. H. that
his presence at the meeting
will be indispensible, as he
writes me he is in doubt
whether he will be able to get
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by putting in Dr. Chadbourne. Then, on the basis of life insurance tables, we can expect to have only one vacancy to fill every three years, in the average. With so many eligibles knocking for admission it becomes a serious question whether we ought not take steps at once to increase the active list limit to at least 65. by the requisite amendments to the By-laws.

Many thanks for the paper on the pocket mice. I congratulate you heartily on having established your position as a real publicist in the North American Fauna.

Sue joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam.

Hoping to see you soon

Sincerely Yours

J. A. Allen

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J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Nov. 6, *1889.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Your letter
Yesterday rec'd. Do not-
bother about bringing on
the Tamias material with
you, unless you prefer to
do so, as I shall not be
able to work upon it till
after Dec. 1. I write this
to save you any extra work
at present —

Sincerely Yours
J. A. Allen

Ans'd. Dec. 9/89.

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Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Dec. 7. *1889.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Your letter of yesterday is before me. Thanks for Mr. Pennocks paper, which will go to the printer today.

I have been nearly two weeks from exhaustion due to over-work, before, during, & after the A. O. U. Meeting, for several days I was too much pulled down to even think of putting pen to paper, or you would before this have heard from me. I am now slowly regaining the lost-ground, but I have lost so much

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am now trying to get the account of the A.O.U. meeting ready for the printer. & I wish very much you would send me the statistics of membership, attendance etc. you read as a part of your report - as Secretary.

I have not yet found Purdie's letter of resignation. Did it get mixed in with your papers? Also I have lost track of the Bowen proposed Amendments given to the Council to codify. Did you give them to Sage or were they among your papers? I should like much to get them before

long. I think I have a bright idea on the way out of the difficulty alluded to be covered by the proposition of a retired list, to cover cases like Purdie's, H. C. Brown's & others. Why not accept their resignations if they wish to submit them & then immediately elect them to the list of Corresponding Members, which in their case would amount to placing them on a retired list, so far as dues are concerned, & at the same time keep them on our roll of members. This is just what we did, you know, in the case of Dr. J. G. Cooper, & at one time for W. E. D. Scott. This course would avoid reversal

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vacancies in the Active list, & probably remove any need of increasing the number of Active above 50, for some years at least, & satisfactorily meet the more for the proposed "Retired List".

How does this plan strike you?

As you may have heard, I have notified W. B. & others that J.A.A. will under no circumstances, stand again as a candidate for re-election to the Presidency of the A.O.U..

With kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam

Sincerely Yours

J. A. Allen

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NEW YORK,

DEPARTMENT OF
MAMMALOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY,
J. A. ALLEN, CURATOR.

Jan. 25, 1890

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I have unpacked & made lists of your specimens of Tamias, and find 138 specimens instead of 117 as stated in your letter — 21 more than supposed you had sent!

The Nat. Mus. series arrived yesterday — 128 ~~specimens~~ skins and 57 skulls — & I have just unpacked them. I think I am quite as glad to see my old material again as any of the new material, as I thus have a chance to see just what my former conclusions had for a basis.

I hope you will be able to send me the specimens from the Department of Agriculture, as I feel sure they will be of great importance to me. I certainly shall not need them more than two weeks, I think.

I have already begun work on the group.

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

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NEW YORK, Feb. 3, 1890.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I am exceedingly grateful to you for the specimens of Tamias from the Dept. of Agriculture & your series of T. macrorhabdotes. I was in doubt- before as to the completeness of the latter, but- with my the large amount of material now- now from points bordering on the habitat of this species I am quite unable to turn it into anything else! much to my delight. T. merriami also stands out- distinct from everything else, & T. bulleri will have to stand also as a species. The T. dorsalis group runs into several local forms, but- not- into any other species. The same is likely to prove true of T. townsendi; but- between on this form are several specimens I cannot yet- satisfactorily locate. I begin to think T. palliolus will have to rank as a species!

+ will prove to have a well-defined habitat. T. speciosus + T. 4-vittatus are a troublesome lot + I do not yet know where to draw the line between them. The latter shades off into a number of puzzling local forms, with rather strange conditions of distribution. Of course material from many important points is still lacking, but what I have throws a flood of new light on the group. I do not dare, however, to make further predictions at present. I have in hand over 400 skins, + the Cambridge series is still to come.

I send this forcast, thinking they may interest you.

I have only 3 specimens from Siberia; they come very close to H. B. T. specimens, but I think I shall be able to conscientiously eliminate the name asiaticus from the American section of the genus.

Gratefully + Sincerely Yours

J. A. Allen

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Gratefully & Sincerely Yours

J. A. Allen

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Mar. 7/90.

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, March 2, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Have been hoping to hear from you before this in the matter of Tamias speciosus, which I have nearly reached in working out my paper on Tamias. Please refer to my former letter in reference to this matter & help me out.—As to the measurements I asked for, I find some are written on the backs of the labels; in other cases I can get what I need direct from the skins. In a few cases I shall need help, but to save trouble you need only turn over your records and give me such

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ear (if you have this measurement), — mm.
to mm.; — giving merely about-
the normal range for adults.
To save us both trouble I will
make my requests explicit, lim-
ited to the minimum of what I
cannot do without. I know
you are hard pressed with routine &
other work, & I would not trouble
you to this extent could I well
help it.

I have been able to devote
nearly all my time for the last two
weeks to Tamias, & have made
good progress. Two weeks more
of uninterrupted work will see
the paper nearly ready for the
printer. Here are some of my results,
which may be of interest, & possibly

of immediate use to you. Although I shall review briefly all of the forms of Tamias I cannot well avoid doing so - the paper will relate primarily and mainly to the T. asiaticus group of my former monograph. In my present paper this group will stand about as follows:

1. Tamias asiaticus. - Hab. Siberia.
2. Tamias dorsalis. Hab. Arizona, and portions of New Mexico, Utah, & Southern California
3. Tamias dorsalis obscurus (Townsend Mss.). - Hab. Lower California
4. Tamias merriami. Hab. San Bernardino & San Gabriel Mts., Southern California.
5. Tamias macrorhabdotes (Tamias quadrimaculatus Gray, Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist., 3d Ser., XX, 1867, ex Mokelumne Bluff, Placer Co., Cal., about 20 miles south of Blue Cañon.)
6. Tamias townsendi. Hab. Coast-belt of Oregon, Washington & British Columbia.
7. Tamias townsendi hindsii. - Hab.

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8. Tamias quadrivittatus. - Hab. - Mountains of Colorado + Central Wyoming.

9. Tamias quadrivittatus pallidus. - Hab. - Plains of Upper Missouri, Yellow-Stone + Green Rivers, Great Basin, etc.

10. Tamias quadrivittatus borealis. - Hab. - British N. Amer., east of the Rocky Mts., south to northern boundary of U. S., including Snake Mts. + also Black Hills, South Dakota!

11. Tamias quadrivittatus gracilis. - Hab. - San Pedro, N. Mex. + Apache Co., Arizona.

12. Tamias quadrivittatus cinereicollis. Hab. San Francisco + neighboring Mongollon Mts., Ariz.

13. Tamias quadrivittatus umbrinus. - Hab. Wahsatch + Uintah Mts. (Probably intergrading with the last- and the next.)

14. Tamias quadrivittatus fulvescens. Hab. — Northern Montana, south at least to Helena.

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15. Tamias quadrivittatus inexpectatus. – Hab. – Interior of British Columbia.

16. Tamias quadrivittatus griseus. Hab. – Fort Klamath, Oregon.

17. Tamias quadrivittatus fossor. griseus. Hab. Shasta Co., and neighboring interior region of Northern California!

18. Tamias quadrivittatus speciosus (Merriam MS.). Sierra Nevadas, from Central California southward. (Perhaps a full species, divisible into a northern + southern form. not yet worked out.)

Habitat undoubtedly nearly as restricted as that of T. townsendi + T. merriami

19. Tamias quadrivittatus neglectus. Hab. Region bordering Lake Superior.

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By the way, can you not give me a more definite locality for a series of specimens labelled "Apache Co., Ariz." Apache County is a big place, & the specimens possess peculiar interest.

I will indicate which of your specimens I take for types & writing the name and "type" on the labels, but do you wish me to label each specimen with my identification, or would you not prefer to have the space left blank for you to inscribe whatever you see fit, leaving me to give you my identifications in the form of a Catalogue of the material?

I noticed what looks like dimorphism in every large series, a grey phase & a red phase — the latter greatly predominating — similar to what we see in some of the Owls. The two

phases seem to have no dependence upon locality or season, both being taken sometimes on the same day, at the same locality, and occurring in British Columbia, Colorado, Arizona, and California.

Mrs. Allen joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam & Young. She also wishes me to ask whether Mrs. Merriam received a letter from her early in January. As she has had no reply she fears it may have gone astray. (I can't find it in any of my pockets!)

Ever

Sincerely

J. A. Allen

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New York City, March 8, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I am delighted to hear that you may be in New York sometime next week to spend <u>two weeks</u>. You will of course bring Mrs. Merriam with you & you <u>must</u> make our latch home your headquarts. Mrs. Allen & Bruce will be only too delighted to have you do so. For weeks I have been <u>longing</u> to have you

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questions, &c. The work grows
upon me, & I am not nearly
so near through now as I
thought I was two weeks
ago! When I wrote you last
Sunday I had written out less
than one third of the species, but
I thought I had studied the
material sufficiently to see
about how things were com-
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I have found two new sub-

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myself that I was "all off"
on my dimorphism theory.
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the endless maze of forms I find
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separated the Helena series
from a Chief Mountain Lake
series I have, so that now
my T. g. fulviventer = T. g.
luteiventris + T. g. pygmaeus, &
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The Arizona and California material I have still to work out, as regards my final revision, except the townsendii & macrorhabdotes types. I have long foreseen that the worst trouble of all would be with the Donner & San Bernardino series, and as yet I have only fished round the edges of this muddy pool!

I am just delighted that you are coming here, so that we can together go over some of the knotty points. So I shall not write more now than to just give you a little

scolding for writing me such a long letter when you ought not to have written a line — or at most not more than a postal card to say you were sick & the pesky Chipmuck business must wait till you were better. I hope the effort was not too much & that your recovery will be speedy & complete.

Were Mrs. Allen here (I write at the Museum) she would join me heartily in kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam, yourself & I know she will insist upon your both making your home with us while in New York.

As ever sincerely

J. A. Allen

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, March 10, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: -

Measure-
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morning. Many thanks for
all the trouble you have been
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the northern material helps me
greatly.

I hope you will certainly get
on here this week. — I find
on rereading your letter that
your "daily expectation of going to
N. Y. for 2 weeks" may not, — I
greatly fear, mean! — that you
will be here two weeks, as I
at first understood it. Though
I hope my first interpretation may
prove the correct one. The rest and
change would do you good & be a
godsend to yours truly

J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Apr. 24/90

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, April 11, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

My Chip-
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done. It only remains to go
carefully over the MS. for a
final revision & put it in
shape for the printer. It will
make a paper of at least 70
printed pages! Its size appalls
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of forms since you were
here, except that I have finally
decided to treat, provisionally,
the whole 24 forms under
binomials, leaving to the
future the settlement of their
real relationships & rank.

Since you were here I have
received some valuable material from
F. Stephens & W. E. Bryant, including
specimens from Monterey Co. Cal. These
prove to be referable to T. merriami,
but they show most unexpectedly a
strong leaning toward T. townsendi.

To complete my measurements

of the different forms I would very much like a good average full-color skull of each of the following forms. — gracilis (San Pedro, N. Mex), sumichrasti (Ft. Bridger form), 4-vittatus (Colorado example), pictus (Kelton or Yakima specimen), and borealis (one of the Custer, Dak. specimens preferred).

I would also like your series of measurements of T. townsendi (Head Boy, Kalama, etc.), T. gracilis (San Pedro, N. Mex. & Apache Co, Ariz.), and the Catalina series of T. dorsalis.

I am sorry to trouble you, but I really need this further assistance in order to properly complete my paper.

I have now labelled all of the specimens & can return you at once any of the material you

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By the way, I have received a letter from O. Thomas in which he declares macrorhabdotes to be identical with quadrimaculatus Say, & that hindsii is a pure synonym of townsendi. His notes he says are mainly written on the labels of the specimens are still in the Custom House. Will send you his letter & other comments as soon as I get hold of the specimens. But I do not think I shall look upon his decision as final in either case!

Sincerely yours
J. H. Allen

Rec'd. Apr. 24, 1890.

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New York City, April 22, 1890.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Here is A. T's letter; — the specimens were recd a few days ago. On the back of the label of T. macrorhabdotes he wrote: "Certainly identical with type of T. quadrimaculatus, Gr. which only differs by more yellowish & less sharply defined underside, & more fulvous flanks & shoulders. O.T. Natural History Museum 11/3/90. —" The specimen I sent was taken May 31, & I now see is rather more bleached than average specimens. Get-I think, from what O. T. says, that the type of T. quadrimaculatus agrees

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So I shall not alter, at present at least, my nomenclature on synonymy in consequence of what O. T. has written. But there will yet be interesting developments on the T. macrorhabdotes line, for I have one example, perfectly typical, from Carson City, Nev., from W. E. Bryant, who says there is no possibility of a mistake in the locality. He saw the specimen killed & skinned, & remembers all the circumstances perfectly — "could go to the exact spot — now", etc.

No matter about the type locality of Tamias minimus Baird, as I now have Townsend's "Narrative."

But if you could send

the skulls & measurements
mentioned in my former
letter it would be a great favor.
I know you are buried in
routine & other work, & you
have my deepest sympathy.
The first 40 folios of my Chip-
munk paper have gone to
the printer. Will by hard
& no duplicate proofs on it
comes out. The printing will
be slow, as our printers
are hard pushed just now
with other work. It will
be weeks before they get
to it with the descriptive part
of the paper, as the introductory
part will make some 20 pp.
Sincerely Yours
J. A. Allen

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, ~~April~~ 27 *1890,*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of April 24 duly to hand. I do not think you will be so "astounded" at my use of binomials for the 24 forms of Jamaïcas when you come to see the reasons I have to offer for this procedure—

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thought over a good deal, & the insufficiency of my material to show intergradation & the real status of a number of forms leads me to treat the whole subject tentatively. Of-felling my binomials with a diagram on which I plot the names, connecting many of them with dotted lines, which I call "lines of probable intergradation". I do not think you realize how deficient the material really is — what large areas, & those of utmost importance, are wholly unrepresented. I think my twenty-four forms will all stand or fairly good subspecies, with three or four more (perhaps six!) to be added

when we get the proper material & that then they will fall into about seven or eight groups having the rank of species.

One of the most important features of my present paper will be the light thrown upon the matter of seasonal variation. But even this I am unable to work out satisfactorily in the case of at least half of the forms, owing to lack of material.

The skulls described are the following:-

Tamias peculis, skull nos. 24081, ♂; 24079, ♀, San Pedro, N. M.

T. umbrinus, skull nos. 5339, ♂; 5343, ♀, Ft. Rudger.

T. 4-vittatus, skull nos. 5741, ♀; 6348, ♂, Boulder Co., Col.

T. pictus, skull no. 5629, ♂, Kelton, Utah.

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Jamias material this spring,
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from Bailey?, who, I think you
said, was to go to the Fort-Bridger
country as soon as spring
opened there? It will be a
month yet before the Fort-Bridger
forms are reached in proofs,
so that I can utilized additional
material down to-last
June 1.

We moved last week and
are now fairly settled at—No.
239 west 135th St., a few doors
east of 8th Ave. & within 50 yds
of the 135-th St. Station. All well but
Mrs. A. very tired. We join in best thanks &
you & Mrs. M. We join in affectionate
regards to you both.

Sincerely J. H. Allen

Am. J. May 6/90.

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, May 4, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

The measurements & skulls all read in due time, except the two skulls of *T. gracilis* from San Pedro, N. M. But their omission does not much matter, except that it will leave my table of skull measurements incomplete. I also find I have no skulls of *consobrinus* (the small Fort Bridger form).

The San Francisco Mt. chipmunk I call *Tamias cinereicollis* giving it the rank of a full species. I take it that as regards physiographic features it is practically an insular form, confined to the wooded mountains of Central Arizona (group a). It belongs evidently to the 4-*striatus*

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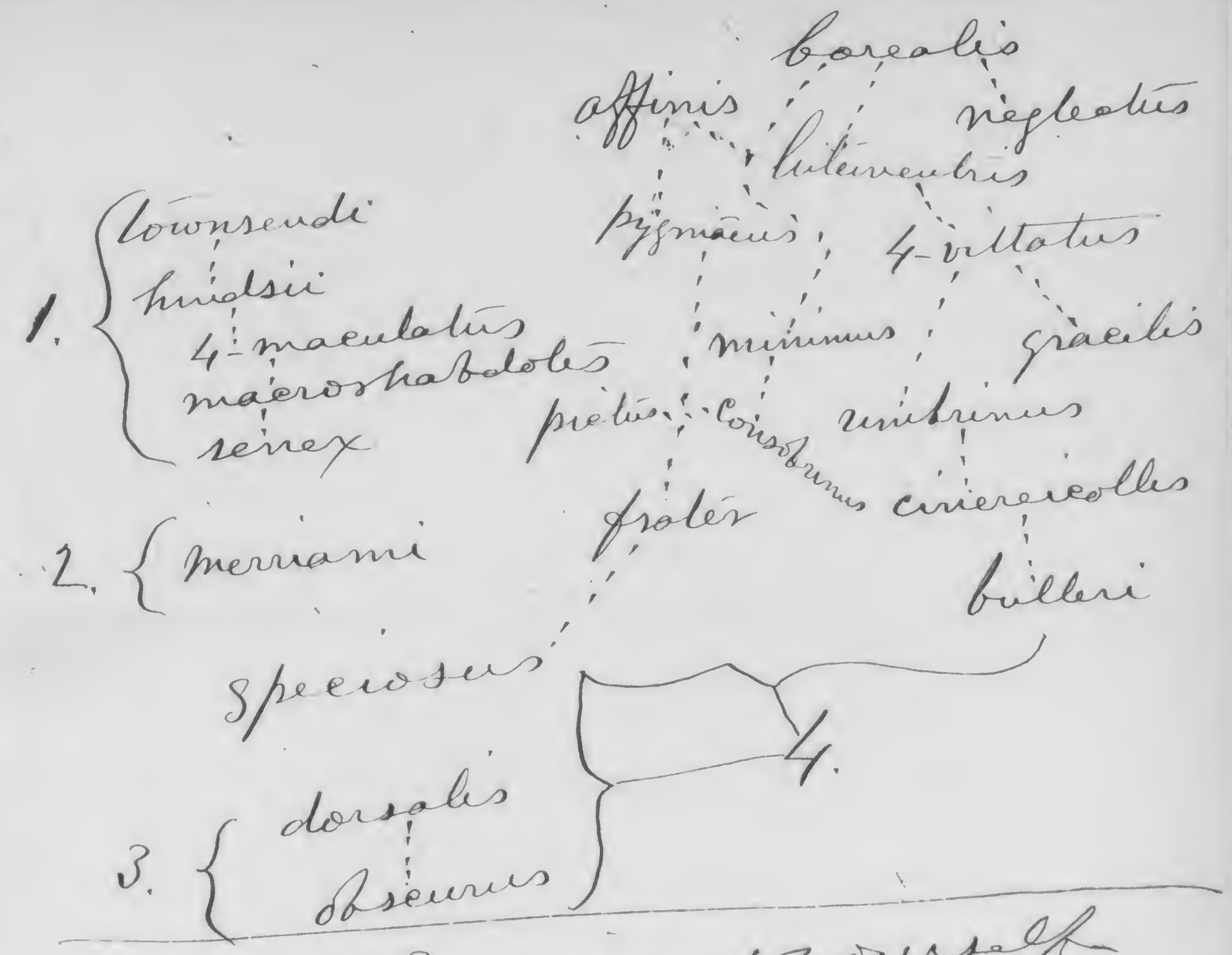
I have spent the last two weeks revising my paper, comparing each description with its specimens, and each form with all its near allies. I have as a consequence rewritten about one third of the paper, mainly to make the whole paper uniform in style, as it was not in the first draft. I adopt Bachman's name minimus in place of my pallidus, & treat the three desert forms as subspecies of minimus.

The species may be arranged, theoretically, in four groups, or species, as shown on p. 4 of the sheet, by the dotted lines connecting the names, some of the implied interpradations being highly probable, others decidedly doubtful. The connection between minimus and 4-villatus must apparently

be through borealis, & the latter with 4-vittates through lutescentis — such a round-about-way that binomials (e.g. 4-vittatus minimus) fail entirely to express the real relationship of minimus to the stock or 4-vittatus form.

I thank you very much for the volume of Mammal pamphlets: it will be a very great convenience to have them in this form. Its reception was a great surprise, & I value it for what it implies as well as for what it contains.

I hope you are entirely recovered from your illness. I am very well except for a wretched cold in the head. Mrs. A. is still much the worse from the wear & tear of moving. She joins me heartily in kindest regards



Yours truly
J. A. Allen

P.S. Not putting you to too much trouble I would like much to see skull No. 4630, Fol. Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 31, 1888, also the two San Pedro, N. Mex. skulls mentioned in my last; which you must have overlooked when sending the others.

Rcd. May 7/90.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, May 7. *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your letter of yesterday read this morning. I find I overlooked the San Pedro, N. Mex., skulls, or rather mistook them for skulls of *T. cinereicollis*, & so inadvertently failed to verify them by the skins. Please excuse my carelessness. The types of Mearns's species will go to you tonight or to-morrow morning. We have no trouble in picking out the skins, but the skulls are not yet unbreed, & Mrs. C. reports

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Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Chief of Division of
Economic Ornithology,
Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Rec'd. June 8/90.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, June 7, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your two letters of May 29 and 31 + the proofs duly to hand. I was delighted by your warm approval of the introductory part of my Jamaica paper, as I know of no one whose opinion in this matter I could value so highly.

Many thanks for the suggestions + corrections. You have the advantage of me from the geographical point of view, although I have tried to inform myself as much as possible about the localities from which

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T. gracilis was isolated I should
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species! It is still not too
late to 'hedge' in the case, as
I had already done to some
extent. Unfortunately p. 58 of
the introduction is now printed.

T. consobrinus & T. umbrinus
must occur practically together,
both at "Salt Lake" and "Fort
Bridger"; as specimens of each
were collected by Bailey on the
same day (Sept. 20) in the Wasatch
Mts. & at the Wahsatch, east of
Salt Lake City (Oct. 31), as shown by
the labels on the specimens. While
their habitats thus apparently join,

I had supposed, as you say, that the two forms occupy different faunal area.

As to "parturition," I doubtless gave it too broad a meaning. I interpreted it as birth-giving, & so meant merely the reason for birth-giving. Breeding reason would have been better, as the phrase "reason of parturition" fortunately is in the galley proof I can correct it, — thanks to your kindness.

I intended you to keep the page proofs, & so return them. Will forward to you galley-proofs of the remainder of the paper, & shall be only too glad to avail myself of any criticisms or suggestions you may be kind enough to make. The galley-proofs sent before were forwarded just as they came from the printer — first proofs at that!

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I return by this mail the
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It will not be many days now
before I can return everything.

By the way, about when do you
go west?

We were just delighted
to get such a good report
from the Merriams family.
And can see that you are
a proud & happy Father.

Best wishes & kindest
regards to the whole family
from
J. A. A.

Rec'd June 14/99.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, June 10, *1899*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

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group again before returning
the proof to the printer.

Will send you the No. for
the Arvicola skull as soon
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to do anything. The Masons
are in full possession now
& I fear will be till the end
of the week, so that I cannot
get at my desk, or books, or

specimens. Have sent her. Chapman out collecting for two weeks, as he cannot possibly do anything here.

By the way, have you anything for, from the geographical standpoint, why J. G. gracilis should not stand as a species, rather than as a subspecies? This is the San Pedro, N. Mex. Apache Co. Ariz. forms. I noticed you said on a former proof that the locality was not a part of the "main Rocky Mt. Chain". It is by far the most sharply marked form of any 4-villatus group as it now stands, & if isolated in habitat should prefer to treat it as a species.

Yours
J. A. Allen

Rec'd. June 14/90

American Museum of Natural History,
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Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, June 13 *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

The Museum
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type of Arvicola mogollonensis
will be 1403.

I agree with you as to the
convenience and desirability
of a single catalogue for
both skins & skulls of Mammals.
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Hope Congress will give you a big slice this year for your work. You have certainly got the rest in as fine shape as could be asked for.

Am still holding back galley proof for the expected Jamaica. As I shall come down in a week for a two weeks' absence, shall now have to wait the proofs & finish before many days.

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Rec'd June 20/90.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, June 16, 1890.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

The box of Fort-Bridger and Bridger Pass Tamias came to hand this morning — just in time for use. They are very interesting, but do not alter my conclusions. They show, however, that minimus and consobrinus must intergrade in the immediate vicinity of Fort-Bridger. The three specimens from Bridger Pass are true minimus; the eight specimens from Fort-Bridger I label consobrinus, but two or three of the palest ones I should have labeled minimus had they come without locality. In other words, there is a strong average difference between minimus & con-

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By the way does "Fort-Bridger" on the labels mean exactly Fort-Bridger, or somewhere near Fort-Bridger, — say 20 miles away more or less?

I have let gracilis go in as a subspecies of A- villatus, with some reservation.

Next Saturday I go to Massachusetts for two weeks, & shall spend a few days with Mr. Cary at Great Poland. Will try to return all of your specimens before

I pr. but - if I do not - you will get - them immediately on my return.

With many thanks for the specimens & your two letters of June 14

Yours Sincerely

J. D. Allen

By the way, I hear you are to have young Dutcher in the field for a while this summer. I feel like congratulating you both, for Basil is an A 1 boy, & of course it will be a great experience for him.

Rec'd July 21 /90.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, July 17, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

A word on the subject of duplicates. I would like of course a few representative specimens of the different forms of Tamias for this Museum, to serve as a standard of reference in future work. Besides the reference series for Study Collection, I would if I could get them have a series mounted for exhibition. I do not know how much authority you may have in the matter of distribution of duplicates from the Dept. of Agric. material, but I will venture to suggest that speci-

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mens from the following localities would be very desirable here. Namely A specimen of T. 4-vittatus agilis from San Pedro, N. M.; specimens of T. cinereicollis in post-breeding plage (August) from San Francisco Mt.; specimens of T. 4-vittatus borealis from the Black Hills; specimens of T. amoenus from Donner, Col. (there are 15 specimens in your series, none in ours); also a specimen of Cuteiventris from Helena Mont.

For T. 4-vittatus neglectus, (T. sereti?) & T. 4-maculatus I shall of course have to wait till more specimens have been obtained. In Jamies we have nothing in duplicate except such forms as you already have in abundance. Can send you Spermophilus annulatus, & possibly some other species you may not yet have.

Yours
J. A. Allen

Rec'd July 22/90.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, July 17, 1890.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of July 14 was recd the following morning, & the box of Jamaica skins (30 specimens) arrived in the afternoon of the same day. Yesterday I packed all of your & the Dept. of Agriculture specimens & they go by express (prepaid) today. Yours are sent to your house address, the others to Dept. of Agric. Hope they will reach you in a satisfactory condition. I would again express my deep obligations to you for the loan of so much excellent material, on which the preparation of my paper on the Jamaica group was so largely based. Of course I shall

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The last lot of Tamias specimens proved of peculiar interest, although all were T. m. consobrinus except three, which were T. umbrinus. The Park City series contained one umbrinus and seven consobrinus. The Tintah Mt. series contained two umbrinus and seven consobrinus. This shows that the habitats of the two forms clearly overlap. Of the Tintah series please compare Nos. 22483 (umbrinus) and 22480 (consobrinus) & you will see how nicely the two forms hold their characters even when occurring at the same

locality.

The Fairfield series is especially instructive, it containing adults in breeding and post-breeding plage & also half-grown and full-grown young. It shows that the breeding season and the moult occur four to six weeks earlier at Fairfield than in the mountains, none of the Uintah or Wasatch specimens having bred or begun to moult, though taken only one to two weeks earlier than the Fairfield series.

If you wish to see the difference between typical T. minimus and typical T. m. consobrinus compare the Fairfield series with your Green River specimens.

I think the form from Fairfield is appreciably different from consobrinus as represented in the Wasatch and Uintahs, though probably not different enough to warrant separation by type of consobrinus, from Salt Lake,

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As I said in my paper, and as these later specimens bear out, minimus and coues-brunnus evidently intergrade in the region immediately about Fort Bridger. Also that Bay Specimens cannot-If the two forms cannot-always with certainty be distinguished.

I am delighted with the good news respecting your appropriation. You deserve the success your have won.

Sincerely Yours

J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
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Department of
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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Aug. 7. *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

The Hare came safely & found this morning. I have compared it with Dr. Mearns's type of *Lepus Alleni* & find it to be the same. There is some difference in color, due to season, your specimens having been taken in November, Dr. Mearns's in April & May. The difference is just what one would expect to find in them.

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J. A. Allen

Rec'd Oct. 27/90.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Oct. 19, *1890*

My dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your welcome & valued letter of some weeks ago came to hand duly & was much enjoyed. It was very kind of you to devote so many of your precious moments to letter writing, & I heartily appreciate the favor. I should have long since written you to tell you how I have enjoyed Nos. 3 & 4 of 'Fauna', & to offer you my congratulations & express my appreciation of the work, but have not felt sure a letter would reach you. Your 'General Results' of

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The number of new species fairly takes my breath away, but it takes some time for me to recover from the shock. The first glance through a new number of the Fauna's fairies me! By the time I have gone carefully through it, I have to some extent recovered my equilibrium. But nine species & one new subspecies

of Spilogale gave me a dread-
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up our material (some 25 skins
& as many skulls) & going over
it with your descriptions &
felt much relieved. I found
we had three of your species
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for me. Mr. Sennett has
one skin from Mexico, which
is very different from any
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you + one I shall immensely
enjoy + profit from.— Mrs. A.
is looking over my shoulder
+ says "Yes, and see the
baby!"

With kindest regards to
Mrs. Merriam + yourself from
us both

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

I should have long since written you to tell you how I have enjoyed Nos. 3 & 4 of 'Fauna', and to offer you my congratulations and express my appreciation of the work, but have not felt sure a letter would reach you. Your 'General Results' of a Biological Survey of the San Francisco Mt. district has elicited well-merited praise every where, so far as I have thus far heard. It is a masterly discussion of the subject, and your conclusions in reference to the life regions of the N. Am. continent are based on data that are beyond question and are susceptable of no other reasonable explanation.--J. A. Allen, letter dated Oct. 19, 1890.

Rec'd Oct. 28/90.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Oct. 26 1890.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Saw Basil Dulaster yesterday & from him learned that you are now probably back in Washington. I write now especially to ask where we had better hold the Council meeting of the A. O. U., which will come on Monday Nov. 17. Before we met—at—your house, but—it does not—follow from that that we shall meet—there this year. We can ^just as well meet—at—some of the S. I. rooms, should this plan better suit your convenience.

As it is about—time to issue the call, I would like to be able to give place of meeting definitely.

The A. O. U. will of course meet—as usual in the Lecture room of the Nat. Mus., I suppose.

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can do little in the matter at this distance in regard to hall arrangements, etc., may I not - assign the leadership in the matter of arrangements to you, & let you assign the work of looking after details to such other members of the Committee as you see fit. I do not wish to put upon you anything more than the responsibility of direction & general supervision.

As a proper matter of form, I will address Prof. Goode officially in regard to rooms for holding meetings, unless you think it will be quite as well for you to speak with him personally in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements.

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Oct 28/90.

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Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Oct. 27 1890.

My dear Dr. Merriam:—

I am having a great deal of trouble with Bats of the genus Vespertilio, through lack of authentic material for comparison.

I have probably a new species from Mexico (Buller Coll.), but I do not dare to describe it till I have better material for comparison. If you could send me an average skin and skull of each of the following species you would do me a very great favor.

Vespertilio subulatus
" lucifugus
" nitidus
" nigricans
" evotis

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I would not trouble you in the matter just now but I have three papers on mammals which involve these bat-questions, one of which is already in the printer's hands & the others are to go in at once.

Have delayed them till your return partly in hope of getting the help here requested.

My papers are (1) Mammals of Sheaton Coll.; (2) West-Indian Bats; (3) Rubber coll. from Trinidad.

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American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Nov. 5, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

The bats, skins & skulls, kindly sent by you for examination, came duly to hand, for which many thanks. It settled one of my doubtful Brit. Col. species at once, & helps me on other points.

I am quite willing to undertake the assorting of the alcoholic bats, if you will kindly send them. The expressage will certainly repay the trouble, as we have no [illegible] material here relating to Vespertilios as represented in the United States. I do

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Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

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tis I have from Mexico.
If so would like them
at once.

Rec'd Nov. 10/90

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Nov. 6, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I send you by this mail three bat-skins which I suspect may be your *Vesperlelio Cilio-labrum*. Will you kindly compare them with your series & let me know your decision as soon as convenient: say within a few days. I would send the skulls belonging to the skins, but they have not yet been returned from the Museum Department, where they were sent some time since to be cleaned. If the species is not *V. velicolabrum* it is new.

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

Probably *V. melanorhinus* Merriam

American Ornithologists' Union.

Founded, New York, Sept. 26, 1883.

New York City.
Nov. 8th 1890

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

A meeting of the Council of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held on Monday, Nov. 17, 1890, at 10.30 A. M., at the residence of Dr. C. Hart Merriam, 1919-16th St., N. W., Washington D. C.

J. A. Allen.
Pres.

Per. S. A.

Rec'd. Nov. 12/90.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Nov. 11, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: -

The Bats sent you came safely to hand yesterday morning & your letter this morning. Many thanks for the fruit given. I will bring with me skulls as well as skins of this species, as there will be time to change the name in galley proofs, which may come now any day.

I will also bring on a little assortment of other undetermined small mammals in the hope getting a little help on them by comparison with some of your material. As I cannot remain long after the meeting, will it put you to any inconvenience

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If Mrs. A. & I go on Saturday P.M. & are to have next Sunday with you? If it will put you to any inconvenience do not hesitate to say so & we will go later.

So far as I can learn everything looks favorable for a first-class meeting.

In haste

Truly yours

J. A. Allen

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New York City, Nov. 14, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

your kind letter of 12th recd. We expect to reach Washington Saturday evening, by the Corp. train, due at 8.25. Please do not, either yourself or Mrs. Merriam, take the trouble to meet us at the Station. It would of course be pleasant to be thus greeted, but it is wholly unnecessary, as we know the way perfectly, & it is much better to let us come up alone. We will take this will for the deed & be much happier if you will not, or to this needless trouble.

Sincerely yours.

J. A. Allen

Rec'd Dec. 22/90.

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New York City, Dec. 21, *1890.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Mrs. A. wishes me to say that Mrs. Merriam's last letter, with enclosures, was read yesterday & that she will answer it in a day or two.

Everything goes on here as usual. I had a very pleasant talk the other day with our President about the needs & plans of my department for the future. I showed him your "Fauna No. 3", explained to him the character of your work, & all of which he listened patiently & evidently with intelligent interest. He gave me a good chance to sow a little good seed, I trust.

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Of course I have done nothing as yet — in the Camera lucida matter. I suppose you have been too busy to send me the promised information about — apparatus. Could you not get your draughtsman to put — on paper a few rules that would serve as a guide in setting up a proper instrument. — I think I have gotten Mr. Jesup so far interested as to be willing to get whatever may be necessary.

By the way, can you give me the initials of your topographer on the Death Valley Expedition? I am giving a few lines to this matter in Notes & News & Gen Ank.

With kindest regards from us both to Mrs. M. & yourself

Yours truly

J. A. Allen

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Rec'd. Feb. 17, 1891.

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Feb. 15 *189*1.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I enclose photos. of an adol. Cooper's hawk,—also proof of a paper describing the same. It—came to me through Thurber, who finally was able to get—his friend to part—with it, for a good price, to the Museum— Quite a surprise, to have you already a good series of them!

Please accept—my heartiest thanks for Baby Merriam's picture & her Dad's. This is tardy acknowledgement, but I trust Mrs. M. has had the gratification of the family by the prompt—response & Mrs. M.

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New York Acad. on Feb. 23. This time shall tell them about recent work in North Am. Mammalogy, & I wonder if somebody whom you know will receive pretty prominent mention. Will show some specimens & try to make them understand that the subject was not quite exhausted prior to 1880.

Of course you are more overwhelmed than ever, if possible, as the time approaches for your trip West. I expect to have H. W. H. here tomorrow, from whom I hope to learn something of your doings.

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

Sue says Kate Elizabeth that the other nice letter last Monday & should have answered it, but has had company all the week & been "on the go"!

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New York City, Feb. 19, 1891.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Yours of 17th rec'd yesterday. As to my paper on Geog. Dist. of N. Am. Mam., I may print it and may not. It was written to serve as a general popular exposition of the general principles of Geogr. Distrib., lying on the thread of N. Am. Mam., to serve as an illustration, but with of course special reference to the faunal areas of North America. The only part of particular interest to you is that relating to the Sonoran Province.

Will you not pass New York on your coast & Pacific R'ds visit Pasadena?

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A modification of Packard's map, so as to show the southward extensions of the northern forms of life along the principal mountain chains, would very nearly meet my ideas as regards

the proper representation of
the faunal areas of N. Am. of
primary and secondary grades.

In other words, while recognizing
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northern and southern types, I
would retain the Eastern, Middle
+ Western "Provinces" of Packard's
map as subprovinces of a Sonoran
Province. For this I think I can
offer excellent reasons, and if
we could talk the matter over
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For some time past I have been intending to write to you about this matter, for I am especially anxious to have you publish the paper you read at the A.A.A.S. before I do anything further, and ~~x nothing~~ would delight me more than to hear you have it already in press. The question of nomenclature troubles me especially & I am anxious to know what system of terminology you propose to employ. So far as I can see, there is no more serious objection to the system I adopted in 1871, but you may have devised one more strongly grounded on the principle of priority.

As I read the more important parts of my paper to Mr. Henshaw, he may be able to give you some further points about it.

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New York City, March 9. *1891.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I hurt this will reach you before you depart for Death Valley Calif'a. I have been intending to write for some days, but—have been fairly swamped with pressing work. Such reviews & other such work is pushing hard, in addition to all I could carry before. This is mainly to wish you a pleasant—and successful journey— But—I have felt guilty for not—replying before to your very kind letter on the subject of my paper on Geog. Dist. N. Am. Mam. I received and

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it a popular statement of the
general principles of the subject,
with North America as a case
in illustration, & also to give a
map of N. Am. & some detailed
account of the principal faunal
areas. I do not - know whether
I shall publish during the sum-
mer or not. It - begins to look
very doubtful. But there is no use

pressure brought to bear upon me to bring it out. Mr. J. likes the paper, & especially the subject, & would like to see something on it in the Mess. Bull. I wish much we could talk the subject over & compare views, for in fact I have been rather expecting you would go West by way of New York, & this is one reason why I obliged waiting for a time. I have also been hoping your paper was in press, & you would go down this spring, in which case I would wait for it. If I print before you do I shall certainly be guided in what I say,

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by paper on 'Recent work in N. Cen. Mountains' how already gone to press. It treats the subject both historically, from the bibliographic & scientific standpoints, from Baird's time to the present. It is thus in the nature of a personal reminiscence, though not so put.

Mrs. C., were she here, would join me in sincere regards & best wishes to both Mrs. M. & yourself, for a pleasant sojourn in the west & a safe & early return.

Sincerely

J. A. Allen.

Rec'd June 12 1891

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, May 31, 1891

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I was delighted a few days since to receive your letter of May 13, & very grateful to you for sparing the time to give me even a brief sketch of your work and wanderings. I should be indeed glad if I could be with you & enjoy some of your opportunities for original observations from nature. Such an experience is even beyond hope for me, for various

reasons. So I can only rejoice at your good fortune + congratulate you on the great opportunities you have made for yourself, hoping to profit to some extent by the harvest — you are reaping + will soon share with the rest of the scientific world by publishing the results of your explorations.

We are all about as usual here. Mr. Chapman had a few weeks at Corpus Christi + did some very good work. He returned three weeks ago. I have been hard at work — for the last three months on our mammals, to the exclusion of everything else

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many yet - to be worked up.
I shall leave them for the
present. I begin on bird
work again this week &
rejoyced by 6 mammals
for the present. I have worked
out - a few points I intend,
which I have embodied in
a paper already in the hands
of the printer.

Mrs. A. has often wondered

what- has become of Mrs. M.
She has not- had a word
from her since she left- Wash-
ington & your letter gives us
our first- news of even her
whereabouts.

Incidentally I hear the Death
Valley expedition is sending great-
-ness of plunder to Washington.
It must- be a very fatal ex-
pedition to the mammals of the
region visited by your party,
who seem to be making the
name of the expedition a most-
appropriate one.

With best-wishes for your
success,

Sincerely Yours
J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Oct. 1/91

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New York City, Sept. 25 *189*1.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I was delighted a few days since to see your familiar chirography once more! You have certainly had a varied experience this year—Death Valley & Alaska must—present—wide contrasts of environment. Nothing would have induced me to accept—the Alaska appointment had it been offered me, which, I am glad to say, it was not, although I believe the invitation was threatened. So for as I know I did nothing to bring it upon you. But—I trust you will find it a not—wholly unmingled evil. The experience must—count—for something in your work, though hardly

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with collecting this last- three hrs. of the
Creek has kept me quite busy. A
paper on Colaptes will be my
next. By the way have you any
specimens you can turn over to
me for examination in this
connection. I suppose we shall
have lively times at- A. O. U. over
Colaptes & Luscalus, as Chapman
is at- the latter.

It- breaks my heart- almost-
to trouble you for specimens just
now when your burdens are
so heavy, but I am dying to
find out- what- my two species of
Perognathus are from Brownsville
Texas, which would have large
series. Could you send me
typical specimens of P. flavus
& P. paradoxus, & especially
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Am much pleased with Famer No. 5. It represents a vast amount- of work.

Returned Monday from a delightful visit at- Woods Hole. Both Sue & myself were charmed with the MacDonalds & value their acquaintance immensely. The Colonel is to my mind an ideal man for the head of the Fish Commission.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam with whom Sue is in correspondence & can speak for herself-

Ever Yours

J. A. Allen

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Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I found your very kind letter of 18th inst. on my desk this morning. When I got home I found Susie impatient to read me the inclosed letter she had written to Mrs. Merriam. After she had read it to me I drew from my pocket yours & read it to her. It made the poor girl sad. She says that if Mrs. M. does not come on with you, the disappointment will make her sick, even if she were perfectly well. Really you cannot appreciate how much she has counted on this visit from your good Frau for this whole year past. So I must hand by all she has written & subscribe

& her sentiments. I really can see no reason why you & Mrs. M. should not be our guests during the week of the A. O. U. as much longer as you can either of you remain. Tomorrow Susie will be treated again (under ether) by Dr. Cleveland, but the operation will be a slight one & will probably keep her in bed only a very few days, with the probability of her soon being very much stronger for the treatment. If a week or so later I think it will be better for her not to have guests at the A. O. U. time. I will frankly tell you W. & I certainly shall not take any risks in the matter. In the meantime please do not give up your plan of bringing Mrs. M. with you, but try & arrange to come.

With kindest regards to you both

as ever yours

J. Allen

Oct. 20. '92

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New York City, Oct. 29 1891.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Mrs. A. received Mrs. M's letter duly & was greatly disappointed that the decision was against her coming here in November. She says she can come either only on condition that she will come on later and bring the baby. We have a model girl—one in thousands—and she loves babies & would be only too delighted to look after yours in case Mrs. M. comes on. So the baby would be no obstacle while here, but—only a delight to us all.

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your great consideration and kindness, & think that perhaps your decision is on the whole judicious. It is as yet too soon to judge of how Mrs. L. may be two weeks hence. She is not yet out of bed, but is doing as well as could be expected. The operation was curetting, & more favorous growth from the uterus. The results promise to be very satisfactory.

Even if Mrs. M. does not come on in November, we cannot expense you. We have an excellent girl, & probably by this time you come she will be quite as well as usual in condition to enjoy your visit. Besides, I must see as much of you as possible.

With kindest regards from us both to Mrs. M. & yourself

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

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New York City, Dec 23, 1891

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I have written to Hoen & Co. Baltimore & find they will give us an edition of 800 copies of the Owl plate for $35.00. But—we do not want—the plate unless we can have some left to go with it. So why will not—you republish your description of Megascops flammeolus idahoensis in the Auk, making a few additional remarks or something of the sort,—so that while it will be to all intents &

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Sincerely
J. A. Allen

My dear C. H. M.—

Have been rushed
headed for the last two months
with all sorts of routine work,
including the transfer of the
coll. of mounted mammals
to the new wing. Have done
no scientific work since A. O. U.
meeting, but — hope to get time
now to do at least a little
at odd times. Am quite well
& so is Mrs. A. & hope you &
yours are the same.

Owl plate (800 copies) need
last week. Don't forget — the
article you are bound to
so write it. Sincerely
J. A. A.

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, March 7. *1892.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Yours of
5th inst. recd. Many thanks
for the data of Perognathus
flavus specimens.

Also for the Owl paper —
Would you like more than the
25 — extras of this? There will
be plate enough for about —
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J. A. Allen

Rec'd Apr. 20/92.

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, April 17. 1892.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of the 13th & the Presidential Address duly to hand. We are delighted with the good news from Mrs. M. & the Children.—Mrs. A. is quite very much & am invalid, & just now I am much below normal on account of over-work. Shall try & take things easily for a few days, which I hope will put me all right again.

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will such an exposé make with
them — they are too much wedded
to their idols.

I shall have a notice of your
paper in July Knowledge. Your tables
& general remarks have a
very familiar look. They are
to near what I have had for
a year in MS. — I make no
claim to any presence in the
matter of nomenclature. I only
wish we could together discuss
& agree upon a scheme, which 2
think we could connect together

better than either would do
it alone. I do not expect to
publish on the subject at present.

I must confess I do not
know where you get Bassarisca
from. I have seen it I think
somewhere, but would be happy
to have you explain how it
comes to supercede Bassaris.

By the way, do you know
how F. B. Armstrong gets his
material? Does not — some of it
come from south of the Rio
Grande? He is now supplying
several of Girard's "Texan
Birds" from the vicinity of
Brownsville! It strikes me
as a matter for investigation,

if there is any way to do it.

Mrs. C. send love & best wishes to Mrs. M. & joins me in kindest regards to the Merriam family in general.

Yours Sincerely

J. L. Allen

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New York City, May 13. *1892*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of yesterday reed this morning. Since I wrote you before I have been on to Springfield. I found my Mother in a very sad state. Though able to recognize me and converse a little, her entire left-side is paralyzed, & she has only partial possession of her mental faculties, & is of course helpless. There has been very little change for the past ten days. How the case will terminate only time will show. Although she may linger for weeks

& perhaps months, she may drop
away at anytime.

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due care of myself. — Mrs. A.
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improved of late, but is not
yet very strong. She send a
great deal of love to Mrs. M. &
wishes me to say that she will
try to write to her very soon.

Now about that Seal business.
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for "three or four weeks" is
quite beyond my conception.
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With kindest regards to the whole Merriam family, in which my better half joins,

Sincerly yours,

J. A. Allen

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New York City, May 28, *1892.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

While Gen. Foster was in the city a few days ago he invited me to meet him at the Fifth Avenue Hotel for a conference. As a result of the interview I consented to go on to Washington for two weeks, provided I could secure leave of absence from my duties here.

Mr. Jesup cordially accedes to the arrangement, - on condition, however, that the Government defrays my expenses & refunds to the Museum the amount of my salary while I am away on Government service. This places

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have my expenses paid & be
compensated for my time. Mr.
Jesup says he is willing any
of the Museum staff should go
to Washington at the call of the
Government wherever their
services are needed; but that, as
under the new arrangement
with the City, all the Museum
salaries are paid by the City,
he does not feel that the Museum
has the right to detail its Curators
for outside work unless the
salaries for the period of detail
are refunded to the Museum
by the Government or Institution,

as the case may be, in favor
of which the detail is made.
As I have complained to him
of the embarrassment the formal
arrangement of these details in
advance of my going to Washing-
ton, through correspondence
with General Foster, would entail,
suggested my laying the facts
of the case before you instead,
in the hope that in some in-
formal way you can convey
them to Mr. Foster. I regret
greatly, however, to annoy you
with any such details.

So much from the Museum
side. Now as to myself personally.
I am rather sorry I consented
to have anything to do with the
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very well see how I could say no — or rather lacked the backbone to take that stand. In the first place I do not see the slightest need of my services. You have so admirably prepared the case from the Natural History side that I do not see what more there is to do. Secondly, if I am drawn into it, I am afraid it means a good deal more than a two weeks' trip to Washington. I can appreciate the pleasure of that, if that were all. But I do not wish a repetition of your experience in the case, even in a faint degree. I am not feeling well, & have already more on my hands than I can well get along with. If you can see any way to get me off, you will do me a great favor by doing so. You have only to persuade General Foster that you really do not need me, & that on the ground of poor health & pressing duties here I should be excused. — As ever, sincerely J. A. Allen

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New York City, May 31, 1892

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your two letters of May 29 & 30 reed this morning. Also a letter from Mrs. M. to Mrs. A. — In the event of your coming we did not intend to inflict ourselves upon you as guests, although we hoped to see as much of you as possible. But your cordiality is hard to resist, especially when the pleasures of your Washington trips are always focused about the Merriam household.

I am surprised and delighted at Gen. Forbes's liberality!

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We will probably leave
Thursday P. M.*, so as to reach
Washington at about 8 P. M.
I shall thus be able to report for
duty on Friday morning. Do not
trouble to meet us at the station,
as we "know the way".

Ever sincerely

J. R. Allen

* Congressional Limited, 3.20 P.M.
Penn. R.R., due in W. at 8.25 P.M.
Should our plans change will
notify you by telegraph.

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New York City, July 1, *1892.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

It is two weeks today since I returned from my delightful trip to Washington,—for it was a trip we both enjoyed very much, notwithstanding the heat and the hurry. I found a great amount of back work to get out of the way on my return here, & after I had been here a few days I received news of the death of my Mother. My first week was thus a busy and distracting one & I could make little progress with the Seal work. I have since, however, been able to give it my

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unabridged alteration & have made rapid & in most respects very satisfactory progress. I have prepared a paper on "The Fur Seal Rookeries of the Southern Hemisphere," which Mrs. A. is now copying. It makes 36 folios of legal cap, & had to seal to mail it tonight, but fear it will not be fully ready. P.S. I find Madame has finished it. Ex. 24 folios today! I forward to-day

I have also gathered notes for a 10-12 page paper on the habits of the Southern Fur Seals, which I have thought would prove interesting and perhaps useful in connection with the Case.

My 'Synopsis of the Pinnipeds' is about half done. It is not altogether technical, aiming to give a list of the species, with a brief statement of the habitat of each, their commercial uses & their commercial history, arranged of course under families

and genera. I also dwell a little on the characteristic differences in structure & habits of the different types or groups.

The preparation of this list gives me a great sense of sadness when I think ~~not~~ of the millions upon millions of seals killed for commercial purposes & realize that all these millions not enough have reached scientific museums to make a decent working series where they all to be brought together into a single collection. I now recognize 7 species of Fur Seals — nearly double my number of 1880. I believe still others, or at least other subspecies, exist, but a careful revision of the subject is out of the question. Fortunately it is not called for, & would be indeed out of place in the present connection.

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I think I can safely promise the whole MS. by the end of next week, — and as Gen. Foster gave me till July 10 to complete the work, I shall probably be on time. For the last week I have averaged eight & ten hours a day of research & literary composition on the seal papers.

The short time has given me much uneasiness. It is not comfortable to have to crowd two day's work into one day's time, as I have had to do. (I have averaged copy at the rate of 8 octavo pp. (printed matter) a day since June 23.)

I need, a type-written copy of my last-week first statement — all intact except the omission of nos. 14 & 16. Otherwise I could recognize no changes. The omission, Gen. Foster said, he thought would be wise, etc. I suppose now the seal case receives very little attention from him.

Kind regards to the whole Morrison family, in which "my Sue" joins.

Sincerely J. B. Allen

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New York City, July 11, *1892.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of July 8 has just reached me this morning. I am delighted at the good news about Dorothy. We heard indirectly several days ago that the case was much more hopeful, which I assure you was most welcome news.

Mrs. A. & I have had you often in our minds since the receipt of your former letter. We have tried to construe "no news" as "good news", and we rejoice at the favorable change. Mrs. A. has been intending

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M. & Wordsworth & for the dear
Dorothy. I hope her recovery
will be rapid & complete -

Ever, Your
affectionate
J. A. Allen

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New York City, July 31 *1892.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your kind letter duly to hand, also paper on new Mexican ~~Woodchuck~~ Prairie Dog! As I have see; as a rule, only a single set of Auk proofs, & then have to be returned to Cambridge. I have written C. F. B. to furnish if possible the desired scrap on the Parrot.

We are delighted to hear that Dorothy continues to improve. We often think of her, & of you all, & have been anxious for news.

Your Washington weather is

just a little worse than ours.
The Ther. hanging over my desk
has ranged from 90° & 96° for
the last week, and once or twice
has stood at 94° throughout the
day. At home it is about the
same, — 86° to 96°. I believe
Susie has really enjoyed this
hot weather, but it nearly got
the best of me, for a day or
two. It is much better today, — we
have a moderate cool wave, but
as yet — no rain.
I trust the Roan Mt. trip will
do you good. You must — be
well used up with the heat, & say
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Ever Sincerely
J. H. Allen

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New York City, Nov. 11, *1892.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your kind letter of yesterday rec'd. We leave for W. Sunday P. M., reaching Washington about 8 P. M. We will take our dinner en route,—we do not— let Mrs. M. provide anything in the edible line on our account. Will be glad to see you at the train, but do not come down should it be in the

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New York City, Nov. 24, *1892.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Safely back at desk again & hard at work at accumulated correspondence & routine work.

You will smile when I tell you I have been honored by the Secy of State with a copy of the "British Coast" & a polite invitation to turn to & help! It is appalling!

All well here. Ellen & W. did us both good, & Mrs. A. & I often compare notes on our pleasant experiences. We long for the opportunity to

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your repeated & by us never-
to-be-forgotten hospitalities.
Hope you will be able to
put in an appearance at
our home sometime soon-
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Sincerely Yours
J. A. Allen

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New York City, March 4, *1893.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: –

Do you know of an available expert collector whom I could secure to send into the field in May, to collect birds, mammals and shells? The expedition is expected to be absent from about the middle of May till October or November.

It will be a joint expedition on the part of Columbia College and this Museum, the latter to have the lion's share of the spoils. The party will number

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probably half-a-dozen collectors & scientists; the locality, insular, subtropical, but healthful & the bugs not-dangerous nor one incurring hardships. I would send Chapman, but he will not-be before Feb. May, & I doubt-if he would care to take immediately a six months' foreign trip, on account-especially of his mother's need of him.

Would Chas. W. Richmond be available if so would he be a good man? I see the present-I have to write sub rosa. Labor, if the scheme really takes form, will give you particulars.

All well- Yours truly

J. A. Allen

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New York City, June 14 *1893.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your two letters of June 10 recd on Monday, 12th inst. I intended to reply sooner but have been much occupied these last two days. Your letter on reference to the Lower California matter makes everything clear to me. On Sunday I wrote a paragraph or two to follow your Auk note & send the whole to the printer before yours of the 10th was recd. I hope to have the proof to send you in a day or two, & mention

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As to the Thomomys ~~paper~~, I did not think it was like you to have any feeling in the matter. Of course, no one can work do much in N. Am. Mammals without running across your lines, you have been working at so many points & have brought together such a vast amount of material, & have of course worked out so many

questions you have not been
able to cover in print. Yet-
I would not like to, & would
not willingly, forestall any
Your results.

I am just now studying
with the California forms of
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specimens of the group now,
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Thank you for your very
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hemorrhages from which she
has been suffering. She seems
to have born the operation well,
but it will of course be some
days before she is up & about again.
Fortunately the Father enjoys shot-
weather, which always seems to
agree with her! We hope you
will be able to get the little
folks off to the mountains this
year before the heat has de-
bilitated them or induced any
unfavorable conditions.
Mrs. A. joins me in kindest-
regards to Mrs. M. & yourself.

Sincerely Yours
J. A. Allen

Proof sent June 21/93

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New York City, June 20, *1893.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I enclose proof of your note on Lower California & my comment thereon. (Rev. B. died not return me the copy I either, so I can not send your copy to you.) Please modify my remarks or suggest changes ad lib., till it meets your approval. It is a case of misunderstanding, which I desire to have satisfactorily corrected. I did not use "subregion", in quoting you, in my sense, but in yours, & did not suppose the matter was susceptible of any other interpretation.

Please return proofs to me as

early as practicable.

I am glad you are in the cool sylvan shades (epause poetic license!) of Locust Grove during this heated term. Yesterday it was 95° here in the shade today bids fair to be still hotter. I rejoice that your little ones are not in Washington during this torrid wave.

Mrs. A. is doing as well as can be expected. Yesterday the pot- up tment out- to dinner with us. Her Doctor believes she is now on the way to marked permanent improvement. She does not find the hot weather oppressive. She just revels in a temperature of 90°!

Kindest regards and best wishes to all from us both -

Sincerely, J. A. Allen

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New York City, July 6, 1893.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I have just read your paper in 'Science' of June 30, & I cannot refrain from letting you my Senior Dept. I consider it a most timely and admirable presentation of the subject in every respect, in style, spirit and matter. It is by far the best thing on the subject I have ever seen, & I do not believe anything better has been written. It should do a great deal of good, & I have no doubt it will.

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I had hoped to see you in New York on your way back from Locust-Grove, but I suppose by this time you must be already in Washington.

Mrs. A. improves in health, but only very, very slowly. As soon as she is able to travel we propose to go to Asbury Park for a few weeks, to give her the benefit of the sea air. We may get off about the middle of next week.

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~~*New York City*~~, July 26, 1893.

Asbury Park, N.J.

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Dear Dr. Merriam: -

Your letter of July 11 came just as I left the city for our vacation. I have come here, as I think I wrote you before, on account of Mrs. A's health. She has improved considerably since we came, but is not gaining as much or as quickly as usual when at the seashore. We remain here about one week more & then spend a week in Cornwall, so it will be nearly the middle of August before I am again seated at my desk. I spend a day a week at the Museum, however, & manage to

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As I suppose you know, I bought (in advance) the Thurber-Cuthbert collection of mammals they secured last May in the San Pedro Martir Mts. It is a small collection, numbering about 20 species and about 400 specimens, but of course contains several interesting things, but nothing very novel. I have finished my report on it & the Ms. is already partly in type. Of course I found it necessary to wrestle with Sclater's gain in this connection, as several of the California forms were more or less involved.

I shall be so glad to have you publish your manuscript part of the Death Valley Report; as I expect this will be a very great help to all struggling mammalo-

opists, as ~~you~~ it will doubtless include a large amount of revisionary work in a considerable number of difficult groups.

I have been greatly interested in your paper on Dipsacus pilosus. I am sorry, however, that you did not tell us what its nearest allies are & give us a few comparative diagnostic points. But I suppose all this will come in due time.

Sincerely yours

J. H. Allen

I note what you say about Nedoma — I have run across probably these same "troublesome forms" in Southern California, & am glad you will attempt to unravel the conundrum! I trust

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be any use to you.

We hope Mrs. M. and the
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to be assured of the fact.

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~~New York City,~~ Aug. 8, 1893.

Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Merriam: -

Mr. Bryant of Cal. Acad. Sci. has sent me about 50 mice (Sitomys) for examination, & writes that he has sent to Dr. Merriam for examination "the types of Sitomys peninsularis & S. mordanus* Bryant MS.", from Lower California. About 30 of the mice he has sent me are from Lower California, and are about equally divided between two species, which I presume are the two referred to as above. But there is no possibility

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hairy-tailed form, which I am unable to distinguish from a species I have just described in my San Pedro Martir paper under the name Sciomys martirensis. The other is a smaller-eared, naked-tailed mouse of the S. eremicus type, & is entirely new to me. My paper was in type before I received Mr. Bryant's letter, & in reply I sent-him by return mail galley proof of the descriptions of my new species. Yesterday I made a trip down to the city to see his specimens, with the results as above stated.

My paper is already "made up" & I expect the final revise in this evening's mail, but I would like to add a postscript on Bryant's specimens if I only knew which species was which, & for that purpose

will hold the proof for a few days till I can hear from you.

Will you not- kindly give me his name for the big-eared & hairy-tailed species, or else forward this type specimens to me for examination here, ~~[at Museum, N.Y. City]~~ if you feel it would be right to do so?

I return to the Museum on Monday, Aug. 14, to resume work. Glad enough will I be to get there.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Allen

Address,

Cornwall-on-Hudson,

N. Y.,

till Aug. 12.

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~~New York City~~, Aug. 12, 1893.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of 10th inst. received last evening and the four types of Bryant's new species of Sciurus received this morning. Thank you for your prompt response to my request.

I shall make a brief addendum to my paper in reference to the Bryant specimens. There seem to be two forms in these types of which he did not send me specimens, My examination of this series, however, was very hasty, & I shall go carefully over it again on Monday.

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Will there return the Bryant types to you, or shall I keep them till the last of the week, so that we can go over them together in connection with other material? I am delighted that there is a prospect of your calling at the Museum on your way West. If possible try and stay over night with us.

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

Ansd. Oct. 29/93.

Oct. 22. '93.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your much appreciated letter of Oct. 12 duly reed. & Mrs. Allen has since reed one from Mrs. Merriam. Bringing the glad news that the little ones were again both well. I do not think Mrs. A. has replied, as she has not been in condition to write for the last few days. We were very sorry not to meet & call from you as you passed through New York. It is quite too bad that the draw bridge delay prevented your coming

up to the Museum. (2 That would have been some satisfaction, for we could have had at least a short chat. — I am doing nothing now but routine work. have fixed all my little projects for the present though I may have one short paper more this year.

I am sorry to have to say that of late Mrs. Allen's health has taken a turn quite the reverse from satisfactory. She was doing well up to about a month ago, when there were symptoms of the return of the old trouble. The Doctor thought it best to repeat the injection of the uterus with acetic acid (about 50 solution of course) which seemed

to have such an excellent effect last June. This time it seemed less effective, & so last Friday he decided, as a last resort, to again repeat it. What the later effects will be cannot now be told, but the immediate effects have been serious — 24 hours of vomiting, due partly probably to uterine irritation, but in part no doubt to the chloroform administered during the operation.

As 24 hours have now passed since the last serious bout of nausea & as the stomach now bears a little nourishment we hope the worst is over.

On the whole it is evident that she has lost ground physically during the last eight months &

I am really very uneasy for the future. I hope there may be soon a decided change for the better, but I have grave fears that it will be otherwise.

The little woman is now sleeping but I know she would join me heartily in kindest regards to you both if she knew I were writing —

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Ansd. Nov. 9/93.

New York City.
Oct. 31, 1893.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your very

kind + encouraging letter of Oct. 29 reed yesterday. Mrs. Allen is much more comfortable, but still too ill to sit up except for a few minutes, bolstered up in bed.

For some days after I wrote you before her case was very critical — so critical that our Doctor spent five nights with us, besides being with us at frequent intervals during the day. He had grave fears of

peritoneal inflamation, as the vom-
iting continued at- intervals for
24 was reflex, from uterine inflamation.
four or six days. Last- Wednes-
day the case took a favorable
turn, though in the morning the
symtoms were very alarming.
By this time the care & anxiety
had about- exhausted my own
endurance, & the outlook altogether
was not- bright— it was decidedly
black. Mrs. A's sister is here now,
as she is an excellent nurse &
assumes all the care, I am
gradually coming up, but- am
still far below par. For the
last- two days Mrs. A's improvement-
has been very satisfactory, but-
even if all goes well it will be
some days yet- before she will
be out- of bed. Her recovery is

greatly retarded by acute gastritis, the stomach failing to do its proper work.

I perceive by your letter that you have never been informed of the exact nature of Mrs. A's trouble, which is not only what you suggest but is that complicated with fibroid growths, which threaten, or rather already produce serious results. These structures (one of them quite large) have given the Doctors grave anxiety for some time; also the uterine walls are in an unhealthy state, so that a grave operation seems impending, sooner or later, — an operation Mrs. A's low vitality renders exceedingly dangerous. So you need not be surprised that my letters are a little off color!

Since I began this letter
Mrs. M's very nice + affectionate
letter to Mrs. C. has been read
& have just read it to Sue.
She really appreciates her
kind words, but - please tell
Mrs. M. it will be many days
before Sue can answer her
letter personally. She evidently
has no idea of Sue's condition.

Sue joins me (or would if
consulted in the matter) in kind
regards to you both + in sincere
thanks for your ~~p~~ kinds
words of sympathy.

As ever Sincerely

J. C. Allen

Ansd. Nov. 15/93.

N. Y. City Nov. 12, '93.
(Sunday, 11 A. M.)

Dear Dr. Marriam:—

Your valued letter I duly received. I appreciate your encouraging words & hope your view of the case will be realized. I have read your letter to Sue & she, I am sure, felt cheered by it. I should not have written you so fully about her case were it not that your care a physician, has much more words have great weight.

To continue the history of the case, it was found necessary on Tuesday last, owing to the continued vomiting, to discontinu-

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the giving food by the mouth
+ administer all nourishment
per rectum. This gave favorable
results, and was continued, (to the exclusion of)
yesterday (4 days), this child con-
tinued as the principal method
of giving nourishment. Although
the vomiting continued, but with
much less frequency, yesterday the
Doctor began to give small
amounts of food by the mouth,
the food is retained, + the vomit-
ing has practically ceased; her
strength has greatly increased,
and her condition in general
shows marked improvement,
greatly to the elation of the Allen
household! We trust it is the
beginning of permanent + rapid
improvement.

For the last week I had given up all hope of going to Cambridge for the A. O. U. Now, if all goes well, I may get on for a day or two, but of course I do not count on it with much confidence.

As nearly as I can learn there will probably not be a large attendance. I know nothing, however, of the plans of any of the Washington members. It is doubtful whether Dutcher can get away, owing to important business affairs that render his presence necessary in his office.

Coy sails in a few days for Martinique, he cannot be there. Nor will Sennett attend. Of Active Members from this city, we can count with certainty on only

Elliot, Chapman & Foster, and
Loomis, who is temporarily here.
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You will I course go on,
but what other Washington members
are likely to be there?

By the way, the Linnaean Society
proposes to give four lectures in
conjunction with the Museum,
if we can secure the lecturers.
Chapman has a fine illus-
trated lecture on Trinidad, with
which he opened the course of
the New York Academy, & he will
give it at the Museum for the
Linn. Soc. We can depend on
Elliot for a good illustrated
lecture — probably on Calif. Can
you not be induced to give
your Death Valley lecture? Of
course all of your expenses
attending it will be defrayed
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by the Linn. Soc. (5) For the other we hope to get either Osborn, or Scott of Princeton.

The scheme is in embryo yet, but there is little doubt of it being carried through.

If you can come you can fix your own time, except that it would probably have to be on some Tuesday evening, either in the last half of December or in January.

Susie joins me in kindest regards & both Mrs. Merriam & yourself —

Ever sincerely
J. A. Allen

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Nov. 15, *1893.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

You will be glad to hear that Blue is convalescent & rapidly improving. So far as I can now see I shall be able to go on to Cambridge Sunday night & spend at least a couple days—

Yours

J. A. Allen

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New York City, Dec. 8, *1893.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Yesterday your letter and the specimen of Geomys bipodus has just come (4.30 P.M.). I thank you for your prompt response to my request. I regret to find, however, that only a skin (No. 5-5-343) has been sent — at least — I am unable to find any skull with it after the most careful examination of the mass of cotton enclosing the skin.

8. 1893.

Perhaps in this connection
the skull may not be important
but if that is your opinion
do not ~~trouble~~ take further
trouble about it.

I will return the specimen
promptly — probably tomorrow
or Monday.

Yours truly
J. A. Allen

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New York. Dec-17, '93

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I have never
yet properly acknowledged your
kind letter of Dec. 11, inviting
Mrs. A. & myself to make our
headquarters at 1919 16th St.
during the proposed meeting
of the A. O. U. Committee. Since
my return from Cambridge I
have been crowded & the utmost
with Auk & Bulletin work, in
addition & other duties, but—the rush
is now over, or will be in a few
days. I do not—see how I can
get on to A. for the Committee, however,
before Jan. 15, & I do not—think
I can will be able to undertake

the journey much before that date.
She is slowly but steadily improving,
& is perhaps gaining as well
as could be expected, considering
the long road she had to travel.
She does not go out yet, except
as I take her out now & then on
a pleasant day for a short drive.
& not being able yet to do much.
the time hangs heavy on her hands.
She greatly enjoyed Mrs. Merriam's
very kind letter & will answer
it in a few days. Of course,
when the time comes for it, we
shall be only too happy to
accept your kind invitation.
With kindest regards to you
both, in which Sue heartily joins
Sincerely yours
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Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Jan. 7. 1894.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I find it will be most convenient for both Mr. Brewster and myself to have the meeting of the A. O. U. Committee called for Monday, Jan. 15, next. I have so notified Dr. Coues, and suggested that he call the meeting for that date, provided he finds there is no objection but at the Washington end of the line.

Mrs. A. continues to improve, & anticipates going on with me. We are planning to go next Sunday afternoon (Jan. 14) by the "Congressional Limited", reaching

the Merriam mansion about-
C P. M., should this prove perfectly
convenient to the Merriam family.
Should it not, do not hesitate
in the least to so inform us.

Kindest regards from us both
to Mrs. M. & yourself-

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

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New York City.
Jan. 22. 94.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I believe I have not yet acknowledged the arrival of the Committee minutes & accompanying papers, which came safely & timely some time last week. Am laid up at home just at present — with a bad cold — am not sick enough to be in bed, but too much under the weather to render it prudent to venture out. So I am putting in the time on the revised Check-List. My share of the work will take al-

least two weeks of consecutive
hard work. aside from any time
I may give later to the habitat part
of the work. I have finished the
first 300 hos. & shall soon
forward a first installment
of the copy to Washington.

Mrs. A. is none the worse
for her late journey — indeed
I think it did her good —

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

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New York City, Jan. 4, *1894*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Yours of yesterday. Am very sorry to hear that your turn has come to be housed. Hope you will have a less bolsterous attack than mine has been—now in fifth week & still hanging on, though I do now go out—some again.

Some days ago E. C. wrote me that he could get—no trace of the package, but a few hours later sent—another letter stating it had at last been discovered, and (it is) was safely in his possession

4, 1894

too bad to have so much time lost- when I took so much care to do my share promptly. It is now four weeks since I sent it. W. H. write E. C at once about the matter.

I am glad to hear the plates are progressing so well If you will approve examine & approve the drawings of your two plates it will save sending the specimens to me & I shall be satisfied to trust the matter to you.

By the way, I will enclose a bit of correspondence that may interest you. Please read R's letter of Feb. 22, first then my reply, & then R's letter of Mch. 2 & tell me whether

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be distinct from D. merriami,
though I think it be merely
a smaller paler form of
it. Please return the docu-
ments when you are
through with them.

Mrs. A. is steadily improving.
She sends her love to Mrs. M.

As ever

Sincerely

J. A. Allen

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Oct. 31/1894

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Oct. 17, 1894.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Sue and I very much wish that Mrs. Merriam and yourself and the little Merriams will make your home with us during the coming A. O. U. Meeting, and as much longer as possible. I should have written earlier if you had been at home, but trust that this will reach you in time for you to pack up

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Sincerely
J. D. Allen

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239 West 135th Street.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Sue and I are greatly disappointed by the mishaps that have overtaken the Merriam Family. Our personal disappointment is serious, for we both had based many plans + anticipations of great pleasure from the visit we hoped you would be able to make us at A.O.U. time. But this is quite overshadowed by our sympathy for both Mrs. Merriam and yourself. From what you write me can hardly expect either of you next week, but still hope that you may be able to

come. If that should prove impracticable we trust the visit is only for a short time postponed, & that before many weeks we shall have the pleasure of the visit as originally planned, except that the date may be a little later. For my part my main interest in the A.O.U. meeting this year was that it would bring you here. We are both anxious to hear further news of how you are getting on.

I have a great deal to show you in the manuscript line & many points I am anxious to talk over with

you,— indeed have been quite impatient for the time to come when you would be here. Since last January we have received at the Museum nearly 300 small mammals, about three-fourths of them st. Lawr., & of course there are some interesting things among them. My latest "find" is a specimen of Neotoma from Cornwall, N.Y., caught on Storm King, by my son Cleveland, last Tuesday. He is at the Cornwall Heights School, & with other boys at the school is amusing himself setting big. 4 traps on Storm King. I visited him last Thursday, & in relating his trapping adventures spoke of a rat he caught in one of his traps. I

asked him to describe it from his account- I saw it was a Neotoma, +, as you may suppose lost no time in recovering it from the ash heap, where his room-mate had only a few minutes before thrown it. It was still fresh, in perfectly good condition except- that the skin had been stripped from the apical third of the tail. The vertebrae were in tact, so as to give complete measurements. I hope to get more from these, as I have offered a good bounty for more specimens. I have no doubt now that the Wood Rat exists sparingly at other points in Southern New York & Connecticut.

With best- wishes for the speedy recovery of both yourself & Mrs. Merriam,

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

Nov. 4, '94.-

Ansd. Dec. 3/94

New York,
Nov. 18, '94.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

A. O. U. week has pushed aside all routine affairs, including correspondence. Have been delighted to hear, indirectly, from time to time of your improvement, & that you are at last able to go down to office. We shall still hope to see you here, at least Mrs. M., in case you can not get away yourself. I think Mrs. A. & your sister devised a scheme which we hope will prove practicable.

You cannot appreciate how much we missed you at the meeting. You and Brewster both

being away left- us very short-
handed when it came to discuss-
ion of papers. The attendance
somehow were not- up to the
average, & the papers were light
mostly in the popular vein,
as you have doubtless seen
by the titles on the program- I
need not- go into details regard-
ing the meeting, as doubtless you
have had a full account- before
this from Mr. Miller, whom I
enjoyed having here very much
& talk mammals with.

By the way, as to Wood Rats in
Conn.- six were killed there last-
winter, unfortunately none were saved,
but- we shall have them from there
soon, I am sure-

With best wishes

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Nov. 24, 1894.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I enclose two copies of the plate for the Jan. Auk, by which you will see that the copy for the text you kindly promised to write to accompany the plate is about due. As it will be the first article in the Jan. No. I would be glad to have it as soon as practicable, so that I can begin to make up the number.

Trusting you are making satisfactory progress in recovery from your accident in the West.—

Yours truly
J. A. Allen

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New York City, Dec. 5 *1894.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Your letter of yesterday
recd. I should have given
you earlier notice in regard to
Mr Lecoultes Thrasher paper,
but I had overlooked the fact
that the plate was to come
in the Jan. No.

I am just <u>delighted</u> to hear
that Fauna 8 is passing so
rapidly through the press. I
hope will happen to cause delay.

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

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New York City, Dec. 17, *1894.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

About nine-tenths of the Jan. Auk is in type, but not a page has been made up yet; as I am waiting to make your paper the first article. If you can not send it so it will reach me by Saturday morning I think I will have to go ahead and "make up" & let your paper come in towards the close of the general articles.

Otherwise the number will be delayed, beside the inconvenience to the printer of

having nearly a hundred
pages of this type "tied up."

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J. A. Allen

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Dec. 14, 1894

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of yesterday reed. I appreciate the difficulties that surround the Shaler article. I want it, however, for the Jan. No., even if it has to go in at the end of the general articles instead of as the first article, & if it reaches me by Dec. 18 or 19 I can easily get it in. We must have the plate for the Jan. No. anyway, & I should like to have the article it is to illustrate appear in the same number.

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

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New York City, Dec. 18 *1894.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

The cuts for the Thrasher paper were received yesterday morning & the copy this morning. It is already on the way to the printer. Will send you galley proof soon.

We have always heretofore placed the colored plate to or 6 face page one of each number, but if you prefer I will have the Thrasher plate bound in 6 face your article. Please let me know your preference in the matter.

How many separates would you like? The edition of the plate is

1100 copies, of which 1050 will be required for the Jan. Bulk. This will leave 50 plates to go with your reparalis.

Am glad to hear Fauna 8 is so far under way. What does it contain? I suppose monographs of various groups & that the Death Valley Report will be Fauna 6.

I hope you will pull through all this strain without serious harm to your health.

Sincerely Yours
J. A. Allen

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New York,
Jan. 20, 1895.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I suppose you have by this time received the separates of your Thrasher article in The Auk. I have been disappointed to find on examination that there were only about a dozen left after burning the Auk edition. We have to publish 50 copies ~~more~~ of the regular ~~had to increase~~ edition, & as we had to increase by 50 copies this year for extra. I trust you will not mind. By the way, have you any suggestions for subjects for colored plates for the next batch, for which it is time to begin preparations. I should be glad if you have anything you think would be desirable.

I have been intending to offer you my hearty congratulations on your last paper on the geographical distribution of Annuals, which I have studied with deep interest. You have advanced the subject wonderfully by this last contribution, which must have cost you immense labor.

For the last six weeks I have been so overwhelmed with editorial & miscellaneous affairs of a pressing nature that I have scarcely handled a specimen with a view to scientific study. I suppose Brewster & I will have to run on to Washington for a day or two sometime in February to attend a meeting of the Committee on Nomenclature, so as to get a report for 1894 in readiness for the April Rec'd, as well as to go over some final matters in relation

& the new Check-list. (2) The Geographic part is still with W. B. but he has promised to return some of it within a few days, so that the printing can be started. The Council practically turned over all of the details of publication & the Publication Committee, but of course they will... not act independently of the Com. on Nomenclature on anything of a technical character. There was not a quorum present of this Committee at the last A. O. U. meeting, which of course proved a very inconvenient & undesirable state of affairs.

With best wishes

Yours very sincerely

J. Dwight

Rec'd. Feb. 3/95

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Jan. 25 1895.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of yesterday rec'd. If you have received a bill from Wheeler for extras please forward it to me & will attend to it. It was not the intention to charge you anything for extras;—the order for printing had to be given in advance before I was known how many plates would be available for separates, but I am afraid I did not explain to the printer that no bill was to be sent to

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I regret to hear of your ~~your~~ surgical troubles for February. My visit to N. will be subject to U. B.'s arrangements, largely. Will write to him at once.

Thank you very much for your kind explanations in regard to entertainment. The matter has been a source of embarrassment to me, for neither Mrs. A. nor myself feels that it is right for us to accept your hospitality to such an us we have done when we find it so nearly impossible to get an opportunity to reciprocate in kind. So do not feel uneasy on this score.

Believe me Sincerely yours

J. L. Allen

Rec'd Feb. 3/95

239 West 135th Street

Dear Dr. Merriam,—

I have just heard from Mrs. Brewster in relation to the Washington trip. He thinks he may be able to go on Feb. 10, but in case he is not he thinks the meeting had better be held at that time — i.e., on Feb. 11. He says, although he would like to be present at the meeting, he thinks it would not be well to defer it for his convenience, in case he cannot get away on the 10th. So I

will suggest to Dr. Coues that, as Chairman, he call the meeting for Feb. 11. I do not think it practicable to meet earlier, unless this date should prove inconvenient to you. As far as I am concerned, I could attend as early as Feb. 7. If that date would accomodate you better please notify E. C. at once & have the meeting called for that date. I am of course assuming that either date will suit the other Washington members equally well. The meeting place will of course be Ridgway's bird factory in the U. S. Nat'l Museum

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New York City, Feb. 4, *1895.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Many thanks for the "Fauna No. 8", received Saturday morning. I do not wonder it took a long time to bring it out! It is a superb piece of work — I am delighted with it. It is simply a model for future monographers!

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

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Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Feb. 27, 1895.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Your two letters of Feb. 20 & 21 both to hand. I am really surprised at your sending the Rectrodontomys, but they will be welcome & I thank you for your kindness. I never for a moment thought of asking for any such favor.

I have thought of you often since I left Washington, & course in relation to the Hospital matter, & have been very anxious to hear from you. When the time comes for it I hope I may hear promptly

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tracing them to their source.
I think there will be a responder
in a day or two from my
friend Thomas Jones of Yonkers,
N. Y. (alias, J. H. D.) showing up
the other side. It wouldn't be
fair to have the fun all on
one side.

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

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New York City, Feb. 26, 1895.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your letter of Feb. 23 & the box of Rattlesnakes both to hand, the latter arriving at 4.30 P.M. yesterday. I have unpacked the skins & find I have no easy task on hand! I had practically finished my paper before going to Washington, but of course, with all this new material before me, it will have to be rewritten greatly extended, as my plan was to make only an incidental & wholly provisional revision of the group, apropos of naming one

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you for quite a series of measurements & perhaps a few skulls.

I have just combed the specimens & find there are in your lot alone 65 skins and 33 skulls and 1 skin of Mus musculus. These added to about 200 I had before make nearly 300 specimens of this group now in hand.

I enclose a Sun clipping that may interest you, in case you have not already seen it. The editorial & the first two letters are doubtless by the same hand. I don't think you need feel troubled over the matter — the animus and the authorship are too evident & will react on the author of these woefully funny lucubrations —

Sincerely J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, March 6 *1895.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I send this to Washington & trust it will find you well on the way to recovery from your recent operation, which I hope proved not more serious than the exploratory examination foreshadowed—

Since writing you before I have learned a little of the inside history of the Sun effusions on the Geomyidae. I am convinced that they are the outcome of the sleazy machinations of two persons

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a list of desiderata as regards
measurements + ~~additional~~ additional skulls
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attended to when you find it con-
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Sincerely J. A. Allen

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American Museum of Natural History,
77th St. and 8th Ave.,
NEW YORK CITY, March 12, 1895.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.
J. A. ALLEN, Editor.
FRANK M. CHAPMAN, Assoc. Editor.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I am very glad to hear of your return to Washington and your favorable prospects for better health.

In one of your recent letters you said you would have to go to New Haven as soon as you were sufficiently recovered. We shall of course expect to see you in New York, for a short time at least. I do not know whether Mrs. Allen has written to your wife about it or not, but

we ~~have~~ are hoping you will be
able to bring Mrs. Merriam with
you please her with us to make
that long promised visit.

Can you not send a short
obituary notice of Dr. Hoadly for the
Capital Cuck— Whatever you think
proper. Should like to have it by
Mch. 20, at latest. —— Your
notice of Mr. Lawrence in Science
was excellent—

Sincerely
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New York City, March 30, *1895.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

The skulls and measurements asked for by me in a former letter came promptly on your return to Washington, and also the 5 skins & skulls from Avery, La. I am interested to see what will come from your own collection, to help out — or weak points.

Since you were here I have been constantly at work on the Rodentia — don't say I have just now completed the rough draft — (50 pp. legal cap!), but have many details

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8. R. longicauda
9. R. mexicanus
10. R. mexicana intermedius (Brownsville)
11. R. mexicanus aurantius (Velasco, Tex. & La.)
12. R. fulvescens -
13. R. costaricensis -
14. R. arizonae (Phoenix Mts.)

DIVISION OF ORNITHOLOGY
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ANSWERED

The box of specimens from you collection has just been handed me - Since writing the above I have opened it, & now the robustus mentioned above looks more doubtful than before! Am very glad to

see the specimens from Provo & other points in Utah, where previously material was very weak.

And now may I ask for measurements of the series from

1. Glen Ellen, Cal.
2. Owens Lake
3. Oasis Valley
4. Palmump Valley
5. Aztec, N. Mex.

I do not think I will have to trouble you for anything further in respect to Reithrodontomys, except this: There is a big gap in the distribution of this group through the Gulf States, between Florida & the Mississippi River, at least — so far as the material in hand throws any light. What I would like to know is whether

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you consider that your collectors have so far covered this area in their work as to show whether this apparent hiatus in the distribution of the genus is real. If you can throw any light on this matter I would be glad to give the information in my paper, in your own words for your authority, if you are willing to furnish it.

When you come on again please arrange if possible to spend a night with me in Harlem. Mrs. A. & I would give most pleasant pleasure to have you-do so-

With hearty thanks for this many favors, Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

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New York City, May 22, *1895.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your letter and the box of Harvest-Mice came yesterday. The Mason + Gainesville specimens extend the known range southward of the *R. alychei* group far beyond any point previously represented in the collection. I have not examined the Mason specimens carefully, but they look quite different from anything I have had before & may require subspecific separation. It

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I have been very busy for the last- two weeks with the nomenclature problems of Keri's "Am- Kurz" & a short paper will be the result- with

some quite interesting de-
velopments. There seems
to be no limit to the time
such a task is sure to
take when once it is begun.

Yours
J. A. Allen

P. S. — As to that Springfield
record of Snowflake, I can
only say that Mr. Bennett
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J. A. A.

Rec'd July 12/95

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~~New York City~~, July 9, 1895.
Noyes Beach, Westerly, R. I.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of July 6 reid last evening. I will write to Mr. Chapman by this mail & send you the type of Blarina costaricensis. If I remember rightly it is an alcoholic, & that I found some difficulty in distinguishing it from B. brevicauda.

We are having a delightful time here with the Merriam family & only wish you could be here too. The weather is pleasantly cool, but rather too moist. We have had rains so frequently, & such heavy rains too, that it does not

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our wheels, of course, but we
find Jordan a hard road to travel
down here. We brought Clem with
us & installed him at Congdon's,
up on the hill, greatly to his pleasure
& ours. I preferred to have him
near us, when we could have him
under supervision, & he was only
too glad to come.

It is a pleasure to gaze on your
two bright-cheeks, Dorothy & Zoraida.
They seem so happy & look so healthy,
with their brown faces & hands and
plump figures.

Thank you for your kindly
notice of the Rathmodontomys paper

in Science. I have also just read with
great interest your review of Part
III of the Royal Natural History.
It seems to be just about what
I should have expected, as regards
the Ungulate mammals, tho evidently
not well up to date in other respects.

As to Rethrosdontomys pallidus,
I think you fail to appreciate the case, as regards
the amount of material necessary
to work out the problem. While I
had as many specimens, they consisted mainly of a few large series
from single localities, the small
remainder being made up of
one to three or four specimens from
many scattered localities, often
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be expected, from the diverse physical conditions of areas not far separated. My material from the southern half of California was really very scanty and unsatisfactory, considering the extent and varied character of the region.

Mrs. M. says, in response to my inquiry as to messages, send "him my love (4 times over + tell him I wish he was here"; to the last I at least, we all respond 'Amen'.

Mrs. [redacted] sends kindest regards.

Ever, Sincerely

C. A. Allen

Recd & ansd.
July 19/95

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American Museum of Natural History,
77th St. and 8th Ave.,

NEW YORK CITY, July 18, 1895.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

J. A. ALLEN, Editor.
FRANK M. CHAPMAN, Assoc. Editor.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Am back at my desk after two delightful weeks at Noyes Beach.—well-tanned 'bikey' & generally toned up.

I anticipated your decision in the *B. costaricensis* case, after what you wrote me in a former letter about the distribution of the 32-toothed forms of *Blarina*. I did not care publish the species until I had the most absolute assurance from Mr. Cherrie that

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nevertheless he assured me it was wholly impossible that the Blarinas could have come from anywhere but Costa Rica, where he captured it himself. If there was a mistake in locality it seems hard to account for it.

As to Reithrodontomys palliolus, it was probably a mistake not- to treat it as a pure synonym of R. longicaudus + give a new name for the paler southern form, taking for the type locality some point near the Mexican boundary.

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Mr. Faxon calls my attention to the fact that Anisonyx was used by Latreille in 1807 for a genus of Coleoptera (Gen. Crust. et Insect., II, 1807, p. 119), ten years before Rafinesque used it!

Yours

J. A. Allen

I find both uses of the word are given by both Agassiz & Scudder.

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New York City, Dec 10, 1895.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Yours of yesterday reed + the enclosure returned to you under another envelope. Hope you are well over the trouble with the carbuncle —

Am much pleased with your treatment of the Costa Rica Blarinas —

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Sincerely
J. H. Allen

Rec'd. Harvard Dec. 18/95

Dec. 17, 1895.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

You will be pained to hear that Mrs. Allen is again critically ill— a case of appendicitis. Operation yesterday at 4 P.M. by Dr. Bull, with three other surgeons, up to 10 A.M. today every thing looks as favorable as could be hoped for. We have an excellent trained nurse in charge & our Dr. Cobb is in close attendance, remaining at our house at night. With her delicate health there is of course much to be feared, but at present all appears to be going well. Sincerely

J. A. Allen

Dec. 18 95
8 P.M.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Here is just a line to say that everything goes favorably with my dear Sue. She is now 28 hours since the operation & the Doctors are delighted with the situation thus far.

Sincerely
J. A. C.

New York,
Dec. 20, 1895

Dear Mrs. Merriam:

Your valued letters to Sue & myself have been received, & I thank you heartily for your words of sympathy and encouragement. Miss Merriam's letter is also rec'd, for which many thanks. I have told Sue of their general import; but she is not yet in condition to have even such sweet letters of love and sympathy read to her. She says "put them aside till I can read them."

Her recovery thus far is wonderful; thus far there has

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since the operation. She is
bright, courageous, & in excellent
spirits herself, and the whole
household is smiling. You
may be assured she will
get that extra hugging on your
behalf!

I believe Mrs. Swezey wrote
you yesterday, especially by Sue's
request, so you see she is not
too sick to think of her dear
Washington friends.

Thanking you& again for
your words of love & sympathy
for Sue, Sincerely Yours
J. A. Allen

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New York City, Dec. 23, *1895.*

Dear Dr. Merriam.—

Vols. I–VIII of the Proc. of the Fur Seal Arbitration Came this morning. I have glanced through some of them & find them full of interesting matter — some of it decidedly entertaining. I feel greatly indebted to you for your kindness in having them sent to me—

I am delighted to say that Mrs. Allen's wonderful improvement steadily continues. Her progress surprises the Doctors, who speak of her as the "prize patient." So far as can be now seen she is practically out of danger. You can imagine my

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J. H. Allen

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American Museum of Natural History,
77th St. and 8th Ave.,

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 27, 1895.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

J. A. ALLEN, Editor.
FRANK M. CHAPMAN, Assoc. Editor.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Your Christmas letter I assure you gave Mrs. Allen and myself a great deal of pleasure. Your kind wishes and cheering words, and the hearty sympathy of the whole Merriam family have touched greatly to lighten our affliction and buoy our hopes.

But my Christmas day was not a happy one. The steady & almost phenomenal progress Mrs. Allen seemed to have been making up to this date has met with a slight check, but so far as I now know conditions are again more favorable, & although there is still ground for anxiety, and reason

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With hearty thanks for your sympathy, from both Mrs. A. and myself,

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Sincerely

J. A. Allen

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New year's, '96.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Your letter of Dec. 29 rec'd yesterday. Sue again fooled the doctors! The supposed set-back discovered on Christmas day, which made me so sad, proved not to be serious. She has continued her triumphant march toward recovery, and of late at an accelerated rate. She is now not only apparently well past the danger line, but will soon be allowed to sit in bed, and possibly in a chair. So this is truly a "Happy New Year" to the Allen family!

I am glad you had a chance to show Abou some of your bias -

mes. He seems quite delighted
with his Washington experiences.

With best wishes to all

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

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FRANK M. CHAPMAN, Assoc. Editor.

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 3 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

your letter of 31st Dec. & the two copies of Fauna No. 10 rec'd yesterday. I have looked through it with the deepest interest & rejoice that we have at last something authoritative on our Shrews. This paper fills one of the most troublesome gaps in N. Am. mammalogy.

Mrs. Allen is still on the road to recovery & is now allowed to sit up in bed. It will be but a

few days now probably before she will be on her feet again.

How about- Fürbringer + Wharton? I am holding back proofs to hear from you as to dates, etc. Prof. Osborn tells me he does not believe that Max Fürbringer is dead, he having just received from him a babis of this separate, addressed apparently in his hand-writing! Hence I am all the more anxious to hear from you before sending the membership lists to press-

Sincerely

J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Apr. 7/96

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, April 6. *1896.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

After several minor attacks of the grip, covering most of March, I was brought to bed with a severe one about ten days ago, & am still a prisoner in my room. We moved last Thursday. I got out of bed and dressed about 10 A.M. & was driven to our new home in a close carriage without harm. This was about all I saw of the "moving", so you can judge what fell on Sue's shoulders, & she already sick enough to be in bed. Her sister Mrs. Sweezy & and a married niece of Sue's came to the rescue, & our belongings were transferred & dispersed to their various destinations; & so

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When the grip struck me (last- Friday week) I had only about- three or four hours of work to do on the April Ank, but- it was four days before I could add those few finishing strokes; otherwise it would have been out- in good time. This delay of course worried me, but- there was no one, not- even Sue this time, I could call upon for help.

Your letter of March 30 came duly but I was hardly in condition to read it, much less to answer it, for several days after it arrived. I am sorry to see that we are likely to disagree on that point of nomenclature. I feel that I am obliged to stand by what I have written you on this matter — in fact, I do not see how any other view is justifiable.

From your point of view, Canon XXXIII must seem (it would to me at least) ambiguous; but I never heard of any such construction of a 'synonym' as that made by you till you raised it. Your specific names that seem to trouble you so much in the Cases of Dryobates and Blarina are neither synonyms nor homonyms & do not have anything to do with Canon XXXIII. There are ~~probably~~ probably thousands of such cases, & possibly one in a hundred may come in conflict, ~~in the case~~ though the shifting values and of names of genera, & just as soon as they do they come under Canon XXXIII, & not before, & are then to be treated in accordance with its provisions.

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J. M. Allen

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, April 14, 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Yours of April 11 recd yesterday. I am very glad indeed to learn of the formal establishment of a "Biological Survey". I suppose there will be little change in the character and scope of the work of your department, but it is pleasant to have your work recognized under a proper title, & I tender you my hearty congratulations. We must be encouraging to our "friends" of the N.Y. Sun & sundry other avenues of abuse!

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Mrs. A. was well pulled down by the hardships of the last two weeks, but now that we are settled she is recovering her strength again. I am now at the Museum as usual but am weak & my attempt at work is largely a pretense. But I note improvement each day & hope to be all right soon.

With kindest regards from us both to you all

as ever sincerely

J. A. Allen

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By the way — Preliminary Synopsis of the American Bears" reed, for which many thanks. I am glad you have given us this much of the outcome of your studies.

I was afraid some fellow would stick names on some of those big Alaskan bears before you got there! There are mounted specimens & skins & skulls of some of them in some of the New York fur stores, but I shall have to take another look at them before I can say which they are. We are negotiating for specimens to mount, among them are what I take to be U. middendorffi & U. eurmonsi.

What do you think of my review of 'Helgoland' in last Auk, — following Coues's in last Auk, No.?

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April 17. 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Thank you very much for yours of 15th. We appreciate the kind wishes of the Merriam family & wish we could have the pleasure of seeing you all next week, but a trip to W. is out of the question for the present - for financial reasons if for no other. I am gaining finely but Susie is not getting on well at all. She too has been quite ill, & is making a slow recovery.

New York is not much behind W. in the matter of heat — 86° yesterday with a prospect of 90° + today.

As ever Sincerely

J. A. Allen

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Rec'd. May 5th/96

May 3, 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

It seems
quite probable that Mr. Jesup will
send me abroad this summer
on a tour of inspection of the
principal museums of Europe,
& of course if I go must take
Mrs. A. with me. (Please say
nothing of this to any one just
at present.) This leaves us in
a quandary as to what to do
with Clove during our absence.
It has suddenly occurred to
me that it will do no harm
to make you a proposition,
which you must consider
without any regard to friend-
ships or personal relations.

but treat entirely as a matter of business. In a word, could you take Clove as an assistant in any of your field work?

You know something of him already. He will be eighteen years old next month; he has taken his 'prelims' for the Columbia School of Mines + I trust will pass his 'finals' at the coming examinations the second week in June. He is of course wholly inexperienced in collecting, but can make a fair mammal skin, + is interested in such work. He is not afraid of hard work + is always ready to make himself useful when opportunity offers. Mr. Rowley of our Museum had planned to go West for the muse-

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I have no terms to propose, but will say that "salary is no object". If the expense of his going should not exceed what it would cost to summer him here I should be satisfied. I would like to have him have the experience of such a trip, but what I care much more for is to secure for him occupation + safe company. If he could join one of your field parties + be under Mr. Bailey or some other good man I should be delighted, + think he would make himself very useful + an agreeable companion.

You may have your field parties already made up, in which

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Dear Dr.

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Cleve join one of them as a
'volunteer', sharing in the general
work for his field subsistence,
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& as much amenable borders
+ rules as though a paid assist-
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terms could be given they
would not be rejected.

Please consider this, as
said above, wholly from your
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let me know the result.

Sincerely yours
J. A. Allen

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Rec'd May 10/96

New York, May 6, '96.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your very kind letter of yesterday in reference to Cleve is received. I almost feel that I have been too presumptuous in making my request, & while you accede so generously & promptly I fear you do so at much sacrifice of your convenience. As said in my former letter, we should be delighted to have Cleve have this experience, but the matter of expense is one we have to consider seriously in the present depleted

condition of the finances
of the Allen family. Yet we
feel that the opportunity you
have so kindly created should
not be lost.

Clive's examination for
College closes June 16, & he
could start immediately thereafter
and be absent till about Oct. 1,

You say you could probably
furnish his transportation out
& back. If there was certainty
of this every obstacle in the way
of his going would be removed.
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I can supply him with a
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Will this have to be shipped from
N.Y.? Of course his shooting
would be limited almost wholly
to natural history specimens.

I am not sure yet that we
shall go abroad this year, but I
has spoken twice about it and seems
much in earnest. He asked me for a
report as to plan, cost etc., which I
have sent him today, so that the
matter will be very soon decided, in
all probability. If we go we shall
leave about the last of June & be
away about two months.

You have [illegible] the record

in learning to ride the bicycle,
so far as our knowledge goes in
such matters! We are delighted,
not- only that you have begun so well,
but that you have decided to take
this delightful & healthful form of
exercise.

Sue joins me in kindest
regards to you & the whole Merriam
family as well-

Sincerely yours
J. L. Gillson

Rec'd May 10/96

Dear

May 13. 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam -

Thank you very much for your letter of May 10, in reference to transportation for Clene. Will wait for further developments.

Mr. Jessup informed me yesterday that his recommendation to the Trustees to send me to Europe had been approved & I could begin my preparations for the trip at once. & urged me to get off as early as possible. My

better half is of course delighted, & am not very unhappy. We can not get away, however, till late in June.

I heard yesterday you were again in New Haven. Hope all goes well, & that you may be able to give us another call on some of these flying trips.

Glad you find riding a wheel so pleasant.

Sincerely

J. H. Allen

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American Museum of Natural History,
77th St. and 8th Ave.,

NEW YORK CITY, May 24, 1896,

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I should have written you some days ago, had you been in Washington, to tell you that we secured passage — round trip — by the Netherlands-American Line, per S.S. Noordam, & shall sail June 18, reaching home about Sept. 3. Engaged the stateroom last Monday & were fortunate enough to get a very good one, considering the closeness of the season. By the ~~Roberts~~ Red

Star Line there were nothing
left-, & very little on any of the
other lines, with very high rates
Compared with the Netherlands Line.
But- on this the steamers are
slow, so we are in for a
good long sea voyage of some
11 or 12 days. But I suppose it will
be good for us-

We had a short call from
your sister on Thursday, which
was a surprise & great pleasure.

Hope that all is going well
at New Haven.

Yours ever
J. A. Allen

Rec'd June 9/96.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, June 6, 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

The Allen family are very happy over the fact of Cleve's appointment to your field staff, & each & every one of us is beaming with gratitude to you. The compensation feature is a great & most welcome surprise. There is equal rejoicing here over the outcome of the affair at New Haven!

Cleve has shown me a letter he has written you. I would add that he can perfectly well start on the 16th of June, or even on the evening of the 15th if that be desirable. We prefer to see him off before we start, although

he would like to see us off.

Of course the necessary instructions
1896. + transportation order will come
in due time. I suppose I shall
have to deliver the goods, - that
is Clever - in Washington + that
he will make the start from
there.

Sue says tell Mrs. Merriam
that she will answer her jolly
letter soon - + that we all wobble
when we begin to ride the wheel, Dr.
M. excepted.

With kindest regards & all
renewed thanks for your
kindness

Sincerely
J. H. Allen

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(C. H. Merriam 12/96)

New York, June 11. '96.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Yours of 9th rec'd. Cleve will be ready to start Monday evening, June 15. So I should think he might meet Mr. Bailey on the 20th, or thereabout. I have bought him a 20-gauge Parkhurst gun. If you can let him use from your stock of ammunition he will pay you for it.

I am uncertain as to how much money to give him. He will need to pay for his sleeping car berth & meals en route, & some stage fare besides. & the same in returning. Also

for Tom & saddle. His salary will of course only just about meet his expenses in the field.

I will give him money for the outward trip, etc., but could I not send you now a check to cover his expenses returning, you to give the money to him when he needs it, so as to save the risk of his carrying it all summer?

We have changed our plan of travel & shall make London our first stopping place, arriving there probably about July 1.

Is there anything I can do for you in London or elsewhere

on the other side? If so shall be only too glad to

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Is there anything I can do for you in London or elsewhere on the other side? If so shall be only too glad to do it.

Yours,

F. P. Allen

Ans'd. June 15/96

June 13, 2 P.M.

Dear Dr. Merriam.

Your two letters of yesterday recd. Thank you very much for answers to my inquiries- Clove will leave on Tuesday, at-2 P.M., as directed.

As to berth in sleeper- will write again this evening- after consulting with Clove.

Kind regards to all- Glad to hear Zenaida is all right.

Yours

J. A. Allen

Ackd. June 15/96

June 14, 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Cleve will ride in ordinary cars daytimes & take sleeper at night. If you think best, & it will be not too much trouble, you might engage berths in sleeper for the first night. It may not be necessary, however.

C. will have $90.00 with him when he starts & I will send you check for $50.00 before I leave N. Y. for his return expenses.

Sincerely

J. A. Allen.

June 16. 1896.
8.30 P. M.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I suppose Clove has just now started on his way West- from Washington. We appreciate most- deeply all you have done for us in the matter of Clove. I know it has given you much trouble to make the arrangements to take him into your fold. It is a relief to us to know that he will be removed from the many temptations three months of idleness would naturally bring, especially when left to his own resources, & that the present opportunity will be one of great importance to him. I hope he will be of enough service to you to repay to some extent the trouble you have taken in his and our behalf.

I have given him $100 — to take with him, and enclose

check to your order for $50.00
to cover this return expenses. I do
not expect him to use it all, but
I thought it best to leave a margin
for the unforeseen. I think he
will be prudent, as his expenses,
as the balance left is to be his.

As I said before, it will be
a pleasure to do anything I can
for you while we are abroad, &
shall expect to get some mem.
from you to-morrow.

With kindest regards to all,

Sincerely Yours,

J. A. Allen

Boulogne-sur-Mer, France.
June 30, 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

We have had a remarkably smooth and comfortable voyage, arriving early this morning after a ~~10½~~ 12½ day passage. We have both been well + have thereby enjoyed every hour. We were delayed somewhat by fogs ~~the~~ for the first three days, + have had overcast skies, with only brief intervals of sunshine, the whole voyage. The food + general accomodations are very satisfactory, + we have made many pleasant acquaintances. Sue is doing well — sleeps splendidly for her + is putting on avoirdupoise rapidly. She is writing quite a long letter to your grandpa Fran.

Phoebe Clem met — Bailey on time + is making himself useful.

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Oct. 7/96

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77th St. and 8th Ave.,
NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 4, 1896

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FRANK M. CHAPMAN, Assoc. Editor.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Your welcome letter from Winnipeg was rec'd Thursday. The same morning we had a brief visit from the rest of the Merriam family, which gave us great pleasure. I trust you all met safely at your home in W. later this same day. I can imagine the delightful reunion after such a long separation. —— Our trip abroad was a success — that is we enjoyed it immensely & had no accidents nor serious illness to mar our

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pleasure. I saw [illegible] very few naturalists — they were mostly away on vacation trips wherever I went. In London I missed both Sharpe + Thomas, + only 2 of London Büttikofer was the only ornithologist I saw except Milne-Edwards for an hour in Paris, + Jentink + Snalatis were about the only mammalogists I met. I spent 2½ weeks in London, 4 days in Amsterdam, 4 in Berlin, 3 in Dresden, 1 in Vienna, 2 in Munich + 11 days in Paris, + about 6 days in Switzerland, mostly travelling + all the time raining. 5/6 of Switzerland we saw only the lakes, the mountains were hidden by clouds. I've hope to go again

sometime — at least — amuse
ourselves by building castles &c...
&. We reached home Sept. 3.

Steve turned up all right on
the evening of Sept. 2, next day
began to cram (under tutors) to take
his examinations for Columbia
the following Monday. He failed
in several of the required studies
last June. Whether he has passed
now in enough to let him in
we do not yet know (will learn
tomorrow probably), but as he has
passed several we are hopeful he
will get in. (We have had very unfavor-
able opportunities for preparation.)

He seems to have enjoyed
his summer exceedingly, & has
he made himself agreeable, thought
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The news of Goodie's death was indeed a shock to us all, as you say, it is a calamity to the National Museum. That means also that it is an irreparable loss to natural science in Washington, & not only in Washington but throughout the country. It is very kind of you to mention me as in any suitable to be his successor. I make no such estimate of my own abilities, & could not entertain seriously any such proposition.

We expect Dr. Means here tomorrow. He and his family have been in the Catskills for several weeks, but are now at Highland Falls.

With kindest regards to all,

Sincerely,

F. H. Gillin

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NEW YORK CITY, Oct. 9 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Thanks for your letter of 7th & the enclosure. Clem passed his exams. & is admitted to Columbia. He has two conditions, only one of them is at all serious — in Solid Geometry — which he will have no difficulty in making up. I think, under all the circumstances, he was very lucky. — Dr. Means is now with us, working at the museum & stopping at our boarding house. He will be here the rest of this month. His

family is at- Hiland Falls, at their
old home-

I am interested in the
matter of the National Museum,
but it is useless to consider
me in that connection. I don't
like business details, & besides
my health is not strong
enough to risk taking up
such a load. Of course I
feel it to be a compliment
to be thought of in such a
connection.

Sue joins me in kindest
regards to you all-

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Nov. 12, 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

We expect to leave for Washington tomorrow by the "Congressional Limited" which leaves New York at— 2.30 P.M. We shall have dinner on the train & arrive at— 1919 probably about— 9. P.M.

With kindest— regards to all

Sincerely

J. A. Allen

Nov. 12, 1896.

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to leave for Washington tomorrow
by the 'Congressional Limited',
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With kindest regards
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NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 29, 1896.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

A circular letter to the A.O.U. Committee, via W. B., is on the way to the Washington contingent of the Committee, asking for a ruling on eight questions, several of which are additional to those in the proof sheets therewith.

I have at last convinced myself that I am wrong in my interpretation of Canon XXXIII, the Conversion was not completed till yesterday, & hence after I prepared & sent out the circular letter. My present view of the Dryobates villosus *monticus* case is expressed at the end of Coll. 8, herewith. Of course you

will vote <u>no</u> on question 8 in the circular letter, as I should now.

The compositor sifted in Commas <u>ad lib.</u> in the bibl. references, I shall take them out in my ~~dot~~ set of proof, but it is too much work to do it in the whole five vols.

Suppl. will make about 20 pp.!

Yours

J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Jan. 6. *1897.*

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

Yours of yesterday received; also the first five galleys of Brewster's set of proofs of the Supplement (the sixth not yet to hand); also the minutes of the Washington meeting of the Committee, and the circular letter. Also some matter referred to R. R., for this Correction if incorrect (the Pyrrhuloxia Case as prepared by me for the Supp.), but not a mark or line from him on any question. From correspondence with W. B. + E. C., (i.e., in letters from them to me) in respect to several cases presented in the circular letter, some questions have become so far muddled that I am left in

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ost fine will settle some of them. as e.g., the
proofs Clangula-Harelda, case.
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of the Picus montanus case go over like next
Committee, year, that is, put in the list of deferred
how some cases. Also the savanna - savannarum
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espect to As to the authority for Myiarchus
this Circular mexicanus;- it was correctly given in
become the old Check-List, it was sent to the printer
left in unchanged, the change being made in
proof by Dr. Palmer; not-remembering the case

I allowed Palmer's correction to stand,
as it looked all right on the face of things,
But I found this 'corrections' intolerable
in so many cases & never accepted any
of them without verification, + in this case
must have been misled. E.C. made
a mistake in his first draft - & the case
as sent to the Committee on the proof
slips, but he corrected it in proof. Which
correction came in too late for use
in the circular letter. Of course his
proposed change was voted ~~down by~~
against by you + R.R. but there are
three votes in the affirmative! — i.e., in
favor of E.C.'s erroneous correction!
I have made the correct change in
the gall. proof & send it.

As to *savanna* and *savannarum*,
I am surprised to see you oppose a
sound principle. Please read Canon VIII,
and especially the 3d Paragraph under
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eration. 'Savanna' is of course nom. sing. + savannarum the same word, only in the genitive plural. What can be plainer? Would you allow arizonae and arizonensis in the same genus, and so on ad lib.?

I shall submit a revise of the full proof & suppl. to each member of the Committee & abide by the majority ruling, as I do not propose to take any more responsibility in such a delicate matter than I am obliged to. It will of course delay the Jan. No. a few days.

Yours

J. H. Allen

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NEW YORK CITY, April 6, 1897.

Dear Dr. Merriam,—

In reply to yours of yesterday, I regret to say that I cannot find the original photographs from which Mrs. Thayer's illustrations in 'The Auk' for April, 1896, were made. I find the proofs of both the cuts and text. We keep the originals & proofs of all 'The Auk' plates & other illustrations together in a large drawer, so far as the originals are left in our hands.

I have taken out & examined everything carefully but do not find the Thayer photographs; so I conclude we must have

sent - the originals with the proofs
to him, & that he did not return
to us the original photos.

I am very sorry that I am
thus unable to comply with
your request, as it would
give me great pleasure to do
were it possible.

Very truly yours

J. H. Allen

Rec'd. mailed.
May 18, 1898. mm

New York,
May 17, '97

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I learned a few days since through Mr. Osgood that you were absent from office on acct illness, & had hoped to hear again through Mr. O., but his letter today contained merely a receipt for specimens sent- him. I hope that is no serious trouble, but- failing to hear from you, for so long gives me some anxiety.

Trusting that the illness is not- serious, I am yours

J. A. Allen

Rec'd + acctd
Oct. 31/97.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Vertebrate Zoölogy,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman. Ass't Curator.

New York City, Oct. 26, *1897.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your welcome letter of 24th inst. received yesterday. We regret very much that Mrs. Merriam is not to come to New York with you. In regard to room & meals, that is a matter that can be arranged on very short notice. We hope most earnestly that you will be able to accept our offer, we should be so delighted to have you with us.

I received your Mt. Rainier letter last summer, & felt very grateful for it, for I know

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how hard it is to write from the field, except under the spur of absolute necessity.

I have just completed the rearrangement of all our Mammals, skins & skulls, & can now lay hands on any specimen when wanted. During the overhauling I found one specimen of Reithrodontomys belonging to the Biol. Survey - which I forward herewith.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam & yourself, in which Sue heartily joins.

Ever sincerely

J. A. Allen

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NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

yours of Oct. 31 recd.

Am delighted that you are to be with us during the A.O.U. We greatly regret that Mrs. Merriam is not to come with you.

Am glad to hear that so many of the Washington members are coming. W. B., as you doubtless know, is not to be with us.

Can you not reach New York Sunday morning? E. C. comes Saturday night & has invited all of the N.Y. bellwes to meet him at his hotel to see how the land lies in the S. case. D. G. Elliot is already here. It seems to me highly important that you should also be present, for I imagine the conference will have

Nov. 5/97 Answered.
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American Museum of Natural History,
77th St. and 8th Ave.,

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 9. 1897.

Dear Dr. Merriam: -

Yours of 7th with paper for Auk rec'd. MS. sent to printer today.

I do not see how I can get any time to work on the Red Squirrels before the middle of January at the earliest. So there is plenty of time to pick them out.

Thanks for the newspaper clipping!

Mrs. A. recovered slowly from her sickness, so that she was well enough to

get out a little when the attended
over Audubon meeting + took
a severe cold. She is just now
venturing out again. But it
is very discouraging, one illness
so quickly follows another.

Am waiting at the Museum
but can say that my Sue joins
me in kindest regards to all the
Merriam family.

As ever - Sincerely

J. A. Allen

Rec'd. Feb. 9/98

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Vertebrate Zoölogy,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Feb 7 *1898*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your kind letter duly rec'd. As you have doubtless learned through Mrs. Allen's letter & Mrs. Merriam, our journey home was without mishap or inconvenience from the weather. The trip has done me a great deal of good, & we shall both long remember our delightful trip & Washington & your great kindness. I prize highly the opportunity I had to see so much of your material, & especially that from Mexico. I am glad to get the Rathvoclonlonys mallei at Brayley,

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Nelson I will get them off as
soon as possible - probably within
a day or two.

We look forward with great
pleasure to your visit here next
April -

Sincerely
J. H. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Vertebrate Zoölogy,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman. Ass't Curator.

New York City, March 7, *1898.*

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

The Sparrow skin returned today. You do not say what you think of Pawoy. I have no summer specimens of pallidus & am therefore very glad to see yours. I do not see that Olivaceus is anything but pallidus in summer plage -

I return your specimens by mail today -

With many thanks

Yours

J. A. Allen

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Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Vertebrate Zoölogy,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, March 12 1898.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your two recent letters rec'd. Thank you very much for seeing Dr. Wallcot in regard to position for C. Bow. If there is no chance, it is a great satisfaction to know it, so that we may not be indulging false hopes.

In regard to the Squirrels, Your letter gives me valuable information, especially as to where they do not occur. I have a few specimens from

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& the haroldsoni types! I wish
there were more of them from
that general region. The
Uintah specimens are perhaps
referable to fremonti, but are

somewhat peculiar, being
on the style of the Chipmunk
from the same locality, which
I separated as umbrinus.

Sincerely Yours

J. A. Allen

Ansd. Mar. 30/98

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Vertebrate Zoölogy,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, March 28, 1898,

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Can you lend me four or five topotypes of your Peromyscus musculus? I have some Western Mexico specimens that I presume are this same, but would like to be sure—

April 7th is close at hand. There is a vacant room at our boarding house & I shall depend upon your coming to our house to stay while you are in New York. We are looking forward

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With kind regards to the Messrian family, in which my Sue heartily joins

Sincerely J. Allen

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Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, April 18, 1898.

Dear Dr. Merriam: -

Your letter of yesterday received. Thank you very much for your kind invitation, but it will be impossible for us to visit Washington at present.

Clark's appointment to the Geol. Survey was revoked because he did not start "immediately" - i.e., by next train. Thereupon Powell wrote a letter, & he received a new appointment by return mail, with orders to report at Binghamton, N.Y., on the evening the 18th (today), "at convenient"! I saw him

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reason", if he gives satisfaction.
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curious proceeding.

With kind regards to all
from us both

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J. C. Adkins

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Vertebrate Zoölogy,
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Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, May 20, 1898

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

It gave me great pleasure to receive your prompt answer to my inquiry regarding your illness, but I fear you ought not to have made the effort to write the reply yourself. You must be very careful to restrain your impatience to be doing something, for a while at least; & hope it may not be long before you are wholly restored to health, but just now rest & cessation from worry or anxiety are all important. I am of course delighted to be assured you are on the road to recovery, & regret exceedingly the seriousness of the attack.

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If it is a warning you should heed, from now on "make haste slowly".

I have been astonished at the amount of scientific work you have accomplished, & addition to the heavy calls of routine & other affairs. Overwork never pays in the end.

The skulls & measurements came duly, for which many thanks. Also a box of ~~to~~ prototypes, which you evidently had no chance to write me about.

But - all such matters "will keep", - do not take any thoughts about them at present.

Mrs. Allen joins me in kindest regards & hers. Remain & yourself -

Cordially yours

J. A. Allen

Rec'd June 29/98

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Vertebrate Zoölogy,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, June 8, 1898.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

It has given me great pleasure to receive your letter of yesterday, informing me of your improved health. I hope you will drive easy & keep cool till you are fully well again.

I have had a treat today in opening the box of topotypes of 16 species of Peromyscus, Microtus & Neotomodon! I have as yet received no word about them, but presume they are sent for "keeps". If not—they are subject to your order. They are a wonder-

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fullest, & intensely interesting. & if they are to stay will form the most notable addition to this department we have had in a long time.

Now about the Red Squirrels.— I am about through with my work on them & nearly ready to return them. So what extent do you wish me to write my determinations on the labels? I will write on all of them if you desire it. Under each form I shall give list of localities, with date of Collecting, name of collector & number of specimens, very much as I did in the Tamias paper.

There is only one little fact — I have seen no material from the Southern Alleghanies except a single specimen from Asheville, N.C., & so have very little to say

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Mrs. Allen joins me in kindest regards & best wishes to all the Merriam family.

Ever truly yours

J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, June 28, 1898

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I am delighted to get your letter of June 26, for I have been feeling greatly afraid you were again on the sick list. I hope you will not too greatly overtax your strength. It is too bad to have this laborious crop bulletin work to do now. Thank you very much for the Life Zones map. It is a wonderful piece of work & will be of immense utility — to naturalists certainly, & also practically, I should think.

In regard to the labeling of Squirrels, I find it is not much a great task when one once gets

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the end of the week. In a few
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specimens that I have borrowed
to return to their owners.

Were I to do the work over
again, or any similar piece of
work, I should insist on having
all of the measurements (all
of the skulls with the skins; &
there is no better way of making
the measurement useful &
convenient than to have them
written on the backs of the labels!
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large part of both, but before I
finished I found I had made
a mistake in trying to do without

few. Sr at some points I feel I have not made the fullest use possible of the material.

Mrs Allen + I both thank you most heartily for your kind invitation to join your camp. It is a great disappointment to her that the scheme is really impossible. We are entirely too poor for such a luxury although Sue is really pining for a trip to the far West. I positively could not get the necessary leave of absence + if I did it would be on the basis of one month without pay, which would financially place the trip far beyond our reach.

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As ever Sincerely

J. A. Allen

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New York City, Oct. 25, 1898.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Member A.O.U. Comm. on Nomenclature,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:—

By request of the President of the A.O.U. I have prepared the accompanying list of questions which call for action by the A.O.U. Committee on Nomenclature. Please add any that you find have been omitted, and have the list with you at the meeting of the Committee to be held next month in Washington. It is hoped that you will give the list careful consideration in advance of the meeting, especially the questions of nomenclature.

Respectfully
J. A. Allen.
Subcommittee.

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park, (77th St. & 8th Ave.)

Department of
Vertebrate Zoölogy,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Nov. 5, 1898.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Delighted to receive your letter of Oct. 31, but sorry to hear of your indisposition, which I hope has much improved since you wrote.

As Dr. has accepted Mrs. M's very cordial invitation & the Allen family to stop at 1918 during the A.O.U. meeting, there is little for me to do in the matter but to add my thanks for such generous hospitality.

Have been quite rushed of late with routine editorial work. What a list of questions for the A.O.U. Committee! It is getting almost

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American Museum of Natural History,
77th St. and 8th Ave.,
NEW YORK CITY, Dec 1 1898,

Dear Dr. Merriam =

Minutes of A.O.U. Comm. read this morning. Had already written out — Copy for Suppl. from my own rough mem. It is huge — over 200 entries, & it will make about 40 Auk pp.! At least — twice the size of the last Suppl. The minutes gave me but — two points I had not covered —

Hope you are much improved in health. Sue has been ill ever since we returned — has been out of the house only once since we returned, before today — Her cold developed into a phase of grip — She has improved much in the last — two days —

Kindest regards to Mrs. M —

Sincerely yours,

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park (77th St. & Central Park, West).

Department of
Vertebrate Zoölogy,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, April 6 *1899*

Dear Dr. Merriam: -

Your letter of April 4 reed last evening. Mr. Chapman has been seized for jury duty in New Jersey, & he writes me that he will not be "at liberty for the next ten days or two weeks." He tried to get excused from service but the judge would not let him off. We talked over the matter of the Alaska trip on Tuesday & he was to write you.

On considering the matter further, I do not see how I can spare him for three months from the Museum, as that is about the length of time the trip would require from New York. While he is away my duties

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are naturally increased, while as a matter of fact I have my hands more than full when he is here to help me. And as to Rowley, leave of absence for him for three months is out of the question, especially this year, when so many groups are under way which can not go forward without his personal supervision, to say nothing of the other work of the taxidermy department.

As to group material, we already have more than we can utilize for years to come, & also as much as we shall have space for in our exhibition halls. Of course I would like the mammals & birds that could be obtained on such a trip, but I fear it will be necessary to forego even this tempting inducement.

I told Chapman that if I

gave my consent for him to go
it would be on the ground of
& personal consideration for him,
in view of the advantage such an
experience would be to him. As
nearly as I could judge from
what he said & from his manner,
he did not seem to know whether
or other proposals, it would be
practicable for him to leave.

I deeply appreciate the im-
portance of your kind offer,
& greatly wish conditions were
more favorable for our accepting
it. I really do not know just
how Chapman feels about it.
In case he really wants to go
I will take up the matter again,
& probably consult with Mr.
Jessup before reaching a final
decision.

Sincerely Yours
J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,
Central Park (77th St. & Central Park, West).

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Ass't Curator.

New York City, Jan. 17, 1900 ~~189~~

Dear Doctor Merriam: —

Your letter of Jan. 14, informing me of my election as a non-resident-member of the Washington Academy of Sciences, has been received. I accept the election with great pleasure, & have to notified the Secretary of the Academy. I am sure the Academy will be "the representative scientific ~~scientific~~ organization of American scientific men", and am very glad to be on its roll of members. Dr. Walcott was here a few days ago and explained to me at-length the purposes of the Academy, which seem to me

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I learn from Mr. Chapman that you are to be in New York for a few days soon. I beg you will plan your visit so that you can spend at least one night with us at "N Castle." I find that comfortable quarters will be available, & it will give Sue & I the greatest pleasure possible to have you for our guest, at least one night of your stay here.

With kindest regards from us both & all of the Merriam family, as ever

Sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

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New York City, March 14, 1902

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J. A. Allen, Editor.
Frank M. Chapman, Assoc. Editor.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

In response to your letter of Mch. 11 I am sending you a batch of miscellaneous papers, mostly reviews from Science, Am. Nat., etc. including the Squirrel paper, some of which you may like to have —

With kind regards to all the Merriam family

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Received March 19, 1902

New York. June 2, 1900

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

The Gen. Ass. meets here next week. Are you not coming on for at least—a day or two? If so we claim you as our guest. Your stay with us was so short when you were here a few weeks ago that we feel entitled to a further installment. Sue joins me in the earnest wish that you may be able to be with us for a portion of next week—for just as long a time as you can arrange to stay.

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Ans'd.
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Rec'd Feb. 9, 1901

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Feb. 3, 1901

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

We are delighted to know that you are to give a lecture on Alaska at the Museum on the 28th of this month, as this will bring you to New York & give us a chance to see you and, we hope, Mrs. Merriam again. There is now plenty of room here at the hotel for you and your whole family, and we expect you to come here without fail to make your headquarters with us while in New York.

Sincerely yours,
J. A. Allen

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NEW YORK CITY, April 5, 1901

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

We expect to leave here Tuesday afternoon by the Royal Blue Line; reaching your house sometime between 8 and 9 P.M. We shall see you early.

It is awfully hard to get away, I have so many pressing things to do just at this time.

Possum paper just finishing; hope to give it to the printer before I leave.

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Rec'd
Oct. 21, 1901.

HOTEL KENESAW,
202 WEST 103RD STREET.

Oct. 13, 1901.

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

In accordance with your promise last spring we claim the pleasure of having you for our guests at The Kenesaw during the A.O.U. convention next month, & you must not dare to disappoint us. Furthermore, please make no dinner engagement for Tuesday evening, Nov. 12.

It is a long time since I have heard from you, even indirectly, & am very anxious to know what you have been about for the last three or four months. I trust your

summer in the field has been in every way satisfactory & that you will return to your school with renewed vigor for the winter's work.

Our trip abroad was very pleasant & my fine weeks' work at the British Museum was very satisfactorily spent. I only wish it could have been five months instead of five weeks!

I can assure you I made good use of my opportunities. Mr. Thomas was very cordial very helpful & did everything he could to make our stay in London pleasant.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
& to have the pleasure of seeing you soon —
Ever, Sincerely
J. A. Allen

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77th Street and Central Park, West.

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 16, 1902

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

~~Dr~~ Your letter respecting the date of the meeting of the Nomenclature Committee duly to hand. I do not know the exact date of the Nat. Acad. meeting but it usually comes the third week in April, probably this year on either the 15th or 22d. It would suit me well to have the Comm. meeting follow the Acad. meeting; I would not object however, to its being held just before, if that date would just other members better.

Am just now peggying away at the Palaeogaea Report. Have

pulled away two weeks on nomenclature of the Grand Seals. The matter has never before been sifted. The usual results follow — changes of names — I wish we could do without bothering with such questions, they take so much time and are so vexatious.

Ever Yours

J. J. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,

77th Street and Central Park West.

Department of
Mammalogy and Ornithology,
J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Associate Curator.

New York City, March 17, 1902.

DICTATED BY J.A.A.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Chief, Biological Survey,

Dept. Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I have gone over the list of cases to be considered by the A. O. U. Committee and find that they are mainly ornithological, including comparatively few questions of nomenclature pure and simple. Of the 90 listed 'changes' only 20 are questions of nomenclature. I will undertake to consider these, and be prepared to state each case.

I see the present list contains 30 'changes' and 90 'additions' or 120 cases in all. We have in addition 62 deferred cases, as printed in 'The Auk' for July of last year, exclusive of the 44 questions relating to genera and subgenera. These 62 deferred cases are nearly all ornithological and should also be looked up, so that we may dispose of them if possible at our next meeting.

I cannot, of course, undertake to consider questions that involve the handling of material; my time is quite too limited for that.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Allen

American Museum of Natural History,

77th Street and Central Park West.

Department of
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J. A. Allen, Curator.
Frank M. Chapman, Associate Curator.

New York City, March 21, 1902.

DICTATED BY J.A.A.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Biological Survey,

Dept. Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I am exceedingly obliged to you for the loan of the skull of Ursus dalli, which came to hand yesterday, and also for the skull and skin of the Patagonian Puma. I will return them all early next week.

My interest in Ursus dalli is due to the fact of Mr. Stone having brought a peculiar skull of a Bear from Portage Bay, Alaska Peninsula, which I thought, judging from your paper on the Bears, might have some relationship with U. dalli. It turns out, however, to be entirely different and in no way comparable with it. It seems to me a very distinct new type, which I am describing as Ursus merriami. The skull in general contour greatly resembles the skull of an adult female Polar Bear, but the dentition is that of the Kadiak type of Bear. It is a long, narrow skull with low forehead and very slightly expanded zygomatic arches.

Again thanking you for your kindness,

Very truly yours,

J. A. Allen

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NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 13, 1902

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

your kind letter of 10th rec'd. We expect to leave here for Washington Sunday afternoon, by the Congressional Limited, reaching Washington at 8.30. Do not bother to meet us; we know the way!

Shall probably take on a few specimens for comparison—small rodents & weasels from Siberia & Republic Bay region.

We shall be delighted to hear results of your summer work—

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

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NEW YORK CITY, April 7, 1903.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I dislike greatly to trouble you with 'fool questions' about the California trip, but a friend of Dr. Cleveland's having learned that he is going to California wants to have a pass upon him. And now Dr. C. wants to know whether he can use the pass and go with our outfit. Of course he would pay the Pullman fares and all necessary extras. But could the pass be used on our train? If not- he will decline the pass for the sake of going with us. If you cannot answer offhand, yes or no, just say you don't know & don't take the trouble about it. I write to you instead of to Sage

because I think you would be more likely to know.

I am very sorry not to be at the A.O.U. Committee meeting, but I don't see how I can get off. I'll stay here & work hard & can't get about completing the Palæarctic Mammal report; if I go on to the meeting I shall have to leave a lot of loose things dangling that it will be hard to gather up again. By the way, some very good things are turning up among the Rodents — 4 or 5 new mice & 3 new species of Glaucomys which shall publish soon as a special paper.

Kind regards from us both to the Merriams —

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Dec'd 9, 1903

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NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 16, 1904

Dear Dr. Merriam: —

I am delighted to hear that you are coming on to New York. While you are here you must make your home with us, and keep at our domicile. you shall have food, and lay at your feet and goats and sheep at the market, and everything else you may wish to see. Don't make one of your accustomed flying trips, but stay long enough for something and get acquainted. Our joint will be home to the Field Museum for me.

As ever, Sincerely

J. A. Allen

accepted

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NEW YORK CITY, July 30, 1904.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Yours of yesterday rec'd. Am glad to know you found the Kenai bear skulls useful, and that you are soon to publish your results. "Bald Hills, south of Kussilluf Lake, Kenai Peninsula", is the locality for nos. 21811 (Sept. 3, 1903) and 21812 (Sept. 4, 1903). Both were taken at the same place and on successive days.

The 1903 collection of bears was all properly labeled - skins + skulls both tagged with metal numbers.

I wish you could see the Alaska Peninsula series. One is typical gyas, the others merriami - good external as well as cranial characters!

What has become of Mrs. M. + the girls? She has written twice lately to E. and getting no reply she feels a bit worried about her.

Sincerely, J. A. Allen

The box of skulls has come + is in good shape.

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~~NEW YORK CITY,~~ ..... 190 ....

Richards House,
209 First Ave.,
Asbury Park,
N. J.
Aug. 12/04

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your letter of Aug. 9 reached me last evening, forwarded from New York. I am sorry I did not get it before I left New York, last Monday, as my only assistant who knows about the skulls you want is now away on his vacation. But I shall go up to the city on Tuesday, Aug. 16, & if that will not be too late I can then pick them out & ship

Thank you Mrs Wilson for the
record from Mr Wagstaff, F-9
& was very surprised to see
how Helen & Jane have grown
on Thursday.

Sue is very glad to know
that E. is only busy - not sick!
We have very good Guardsmen
here & shall probably stay till
the end of the month. We have
our exeats, & this morning
made a list of 23 names!
Should the Old Boy not be too late
round the Bear shall please
drop me a line, either here
or to the Museum.

With kindest regards from
us both to all,

Yours sincerely
J. R. Tolkien

My translation pen
has gone pear-shaped.

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NEW YORK CITY,

Aug. 30, 1904

Dear Dr. Merriam.—

Glad to hear that you are so nearly through with the Bear book — 100,000 words! You must be tired! and glad to get away. The Bears must be well written up. But I shall be especially interested in the technical side of your work & hope that will also soon see the light.

Our three weeks at Asbury Park came to an end yesterday. We both have thoroughly enjoyed the comforts to last us a full year & are glad to get home & be comfortable once more. We think it is time you had a vacation. I suppose a trip to the Sierras looms on your horizon. We are glad to know that E. & little ones are well.

As ever,

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

Allen, J. A. (Joel Asaph), 1838 - 1921

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NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 6, 1905.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

At the A. O. U. meeting in Cambridge last November the time for holding the next meeting of the Nomenclature Committee was considered by the members of the Committee then present. Owing to R. R's absence in Costa Rica, & W. B's ill-health, it was thought best to defer the meeting, if possible, till both could be present. Last spring I hoped it might be held in December, but your prolonged absence in California & the pressing engagements of some other members of the Committee, was an additional reason for deferring the meeting. I write now to ask you when, or how early, you think it practicable to lay and get the Committee together. Do you know just when R. R. is expected back? W. B. seemed to feel sure that he would be in condition

to take part in the work of the committee in April. I would be glad of suggestions from you on this important matter. As soon as a date can be approximately fixed I will send a letter to each member of the Committee & to all those to whom special cases were assigned, urging them to be duly prepared with their reports.

. I was very sorry to hear of your illness following the A.O.H. Philadelphia meeting. I trust, from what I have since heard, that you are again in good shape for business.

Yours
J. J. Allen

Rec'd. Feb. 9, 1905.

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NEW YORK CITY, March 26, 1905.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I see the meeting of the National Academy is called for Tuesday, April 18, and I of course will adjourn in session till Thursday, April 20. As you and I are both members of the Academy and will wish to attend the business sessions each day, this would interfere with our attendance at the meeting of the A. O. U. Committee, if held at the same time. So I propose to call the A. O. U. Committee meeting for Friday, April 21, at 10 A. M., if this date will be agreeable to you. This I am quite sure will be convenient for the non-Washington members of the Committee — Brewster, Dwight and Stone, and

unless you prefer some other date
I will call the meeting for April
21. If you find that some other
date will suit you better please
kindly let me know. I will not
send out the call till I hear from
you in the matter.

Yours
J. J. Allen

Rec'd. March 29, 1905

New York City,
Jan. 3, 1907.

My dear Dr. Merriam:-

We were very glad to hear from you and appreciate your kindness in writing & us them to ill. We were really anxious to know how you stood the journey home. Your trip to New York must have been very disappointing & annoying.

We were very sorry not to see more of you, & had a number of things I hoped to have a chance to talk over with you. I trust the girls had a good time and reached home well.

Sue joins me in best wishes for your speedy recovery and in kind regards to all.

Sincerely yours

J. Adrian

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J.A.A.

DEPARTMENT OF
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NEW YORK, April 3, 1907.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I have just received a letter from Mr. Batchelder that gives me great pleasure, as in it he informs me that you finally decided not to withdraw from the A.O.U. Committee on Nomenclature and Classification of Birds. From what you said to me when here a few weeks ago, I suppose you may be in California when the Committee holds its next meeting two weeks hence.

Should you, however, still be in Washington at that time, I trust you will be able to meet with us and take, as usual, a prominent part in our deliberations. It will undoubtedly prove a very important session. In any case, I am glad to be assured you are still 'one of us'.

Sincerely,

J. A. Allen

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

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NEW YORK CITY, October 30, 1908.

Dear Sir:-

A meeting of the A. O. U. Committee on Nomenclature and Classification of North American Birds will be held at Mr. Brewster's Museum, Cambridge, Mass., Monday, November 16, 1908, following the meeting of the Council.

Respectfully,

J. A. Allen

Chairman.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Biological Survey,
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NEW YORK CITY, July 1 E, 190E.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

I am made happy by the receipt, through Dr. Richmond, of the first-baked copy for the new Check-List! I hope more will follow soon.

We had a delightful call yesterday from Mrs. M. and the dear girls, on their way to Maine. So you are trying to settle the Bear question before you go West! You may be assured of my best wishes.

By the way, have you any corrections or suggestions to offer regarding the front-matter of the Check-List, of which I sent you galley proof a month ago or so. I should like very much to have them

back, with your O. K. plus corrections + suggestions, if you find anything out-of the way. Richmond, Sloane, Brewster and Dwight have returned their sets, with only corrections of typographical errors, except in the case of the latter, who practically rewrote the preface, from his point of view!

Sincerely

J. Allen

202 West 103rd Street.

August 4, '09

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

The second batch of Check-List copy was received two days ago from Dr. Richmond, & can understand how great a task you have assumed in preparing the ranges, and am delighted with the evident thoroughness with which you are doing the work. my share in checking copy for printer and adding manner of life determination, accents, etc. takes also much time — at least three weeks ~~of~~ of actual work is my lowest estimate, aside

from
the proof-reading work must
come later. By the way, will it be
practicable for you to receive proof
for revision? If so please send me
postal as to your mail address.

Of course you have heard of
Chapman's illness. He is to be operated
on for appendicitis tomorrow
morning at 8 o'clock. Even if all
goes well, as we have reason to
hope, he will be laid up for some
time. He is at the General Memorial
Hospital, 106th St. and Central Park
West. Will let you know how
he is soon after the operation.

Mrs. Allen does not know Mrs.
Mc's address + would like to write
to her.

Sincerely J. H. Allen

Rec'd & Answ'd.
Sept. 16, 1909
C. Hart Merriam

J. A. A.

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NEW YORK September 15, 1909.

DEPARTMENT OF
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Dear Dr. Merriam:-

On returning yesterday from a week's outing I found your letter of September 11, and the Check-List proofs awaiting me. Professor Cooke has given the proofs very careful attention, and I am very glad of his corrections and suggestions aside from the ranges.

I am sending you today fifteen more galleys of Check-List proof. I see the printer has set it solid; I suppose to save storage space in his office. I am sending these galley-proofs without looking at them myself, so that they contain all the mistakes I made in marking the copy and the printer's errors. Later on I will send you duplicate page-proofs for the use of the Biological Survey.

In regard to the word monotypy, I must say I do not like it and adopted it merely for uniformity in grammatical construction with tautonymy.

In regard to the date following the volume in the references, it is in accordance with my uniform custom, but I have had nothing to do with this arrangement of the dates in the Check-List; I simply took Richmond's copy as he sent it. For my part I do not like the new method of placing the date at the end of the reference, notwithstanding librarians and some bibliographers.

I am very much interested in what you say regarding your study of the Bears. I can well understand the great convenience of comparing photographs when large specimens are concerned. I have recently had a little experience with the Bears of Labrador, having had a series of thirty skulls for study. They are not marked for sex and I have been unable to satisfactorily distinguish in all cases males from females; there is such a complete intergradation in size and character of the teeth. In this series the range is enormous, but the intergradation is by insensible stages so that I have found it impossible to recognize more than one species. Furthermore, the Labrador Black Bear (Sornborgeri) I am unable to differentiate from the Black Bear of eastern North America, and I think Mr. Bangs has reached the conclusion that it is not a very good subspecies.

I will now close this letter as two very charming ladies are awaiting me in my inner office; namely, Mrs. C. Hart Merriam and her daughter Zenaida. They arrived last night and we are delighted to have them here for a couple of days; probably you will see them about the time you receive this letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Allen

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

J. A. A.

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NEW YORK April 28, 1910.

DEPARTMENT OF
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Dear Dr. Merriam:-

The galley proof of the Chec-List received yesterday. I am certainly glad to see the work approaching the end.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Allen

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

I have looked over the copy of your book Indian myths you so kindly sent Mrs. Allen and have read considerable portions of it, and with more interest and pleasure than I supposed such a book would have for me. The book is very handsomely and attractively made, and most evidently is an important contribution to Indian mythology. It is certainly a big feather in the cap of C. H. M. Mrs. A. is greatly delighted with the book, as she is deeply in sympathy with the subject.

With kindest regards and congratulations,

Sincerely, J. A. A.

Read & Answ'd June 15, 1910

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NEW YORK CITY, June 14, 1910.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Of course Mrs. M. told you how delighted Sue and I were over your good fortune. I have, however, been so rushed that I have not written you a line about it. But I have felt a lot over it. Such good fortune seems too good to be true, a fairy dream, as it were. You will now be so routine-free, so able to devote your energies to real scientific interests, to the completion of your long-delayed work, and virtually to do what you please, it is

just- delightful to think of. I'd
wish you great- happiness +
a long life of strong health,
to carry to fruition the many
lines of scientific work
you have already so well
under way, and the many
more you will be able now
to take up.

Sue joins me in con-
gratulations and best- love.

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

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NEW YORK CITY, June 14, 1900

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday. Glad the date of the A.O.U. is to be November 14!

Your report on the map is encouraging, and the details new to me. Hope it will be ready for binding by July 1, by which time everything else will be ready.

The edition will be 700 copies. Neither the Committee nor the Council would decide the matter, but left it to the discretion of the Editor and Treasurer.

We believe 700 is as many as will be sold for binding from past experience.

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NEW YORK CITY, July 5, 1910.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Please have the 700 copies ~~of~~ the map for the Check-List shipped direct to the binders, The Butler, Ward Company, 497-503 Pearl St. New York City.

I have not yet received the proof of the map you said you would send me on June 14. Have you forgotten it, or has there been some unexpected delay with the map?

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

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NEW YORK CITY, July 1900

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Proof of map received this morning. It is fine.

The printed sheets of the check-list were shipped to the Bear Creek trail builders yesterday. As the map can be sent at once, I gave you the address in my last letter.

Sincerely

J. A. Allen

202 W. 103 St. N. Y. City
Dec. 6, 1910.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Your letter of Nov. 27 duly received and appreciated. I meant every word I said in the interview referred to and said nothing that I did not feel was merited.

We were also disappointed in not seeing you and Mrs. Merriam, but I was obliged to make my stay in Washington a brief one. On my return I found my desk & loaded down with manuscripts & letters that it took nearly a week to clear off the accumulation.

Sue has been very much upset since our return first by the discovery that her brother Joe had a cancer which required an

immediate separation. This, in view of his otherwise poor state of health, was a great shock. Fortunately the operation was not grave, and we hope the case was taken in time to prove permanently effective. Following this Lue herself had a severe case of ulcerated tooth, and is yet many per cent below par from its effects.

Sue joins me in kindest regards to the Merriam family, individually and collectively.

As ever, Sincerely yours

A. R. Allen

New York, Jan. 8, 1906.

Dear Dr. Merriam.—

Sue and I thank you heartily for your kind remembrance. The pictures are beautiful and we are delighted with them. The two Yosemite views recall vividly our visit to the Park on our California trip in 1903.

Best wishes ~~of the~~ season from us both—for you and yours—

Sincerely

J. Allen

The Kittatinny,
Delaware Water Gap, Pa.

1917

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your letter of July 17 received this morning. Am very glad to know the map has been sent to the binders.

It seems best also to use Dr. Dwight's map, in black and white, for the sake of the locality names, using your map as a frontispiece, and inserting the other at the beginning of the systematic list. This map has been printed and is at the Museum, but printed without a legend or title, which must still be added. It is very awkward to manage such details at long range, but it will not delay the binding very much. I

expect a dimming of the cover in a day or two.

Glad to hear you have at-last a cool turn in the weather. We find it delightful here, quite as cool as we wished it all of last-week, which was so hot-in New York & Washington. The hotel is in the valley, about-100 feet-above the river, on a narrow plateau with wooded cliffs in front-and the river at the back. There is a good breeze al-all times, and no mosquitos.

The narrow valley seems to create a natural draught. High wooded ridges on all sides, with miles and miles of paths through quite heavy forest-, and picturesque views everywhere.

Sue & I took a four mile walk this morning down the river road to the extreme lower end of the 'Gap'. This is only one of the many walks we have taken. The hotel

is 250 ft. long and has broad piazas on both sides and across one end. There is music, billiards, bowling, tennis + golf for those who like such pastimes. The table is good, and everything admirably orderly, neat and quiet. It is the most-satisfactory place for a rest- and change of scene we have ever found. We were both badly used up by the heat- when we came here, but- have recuperated wonderfully.

Hope you will get-away soon + have a pleasant- and invigorating change of scene. Am glad to hear your struggle with the bears is approaching the end, at-least- for the time being.

Sue joins in love to Elizabeth & yourself. She wishes E. was here with the dear girls, + says so every day, it is so delightful here.

As ever

J. H. Allen

J.A.A.

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FRANK M. CHAPMAN, CURATOR OF ORNITHOLOGY

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 - 16th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

There will be a meeting of the A.O.U. Committee on Nomenclature and Classification of North American Birds at the U. S. National Museum in Washington, beginning Friday, April 19, 1912, at 10 A. M.

A schedule of the cases to be considered is herewith enclosed.

Extract from the minutes of the A.O.U. Council Meeting held Dec. 9, 1909:

> "Moved by Dr. Dwight, seconded by Dr.Allen, that a list of newly accepted species, or subspecies new to the North American fauna, be published annually, such additions being admitted to the Check-List under the generic or specific names already recognized. Carried."

Respectfully,

J. A. Allen

Chairman.

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NEW YORK CITY, March 31, 1912.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Since sending out the call for a meeting of the A.O.U. Committee on Nomenclature for Thursday, April 19, 1912, I have found that I shall be unable to be in Washington at that time, and would like to change the date to Wednesday, April 24.

Trusting that this change of date will prove convenient for you

Sincerely
J. A. Allen

P.S.— Please also cancel my acceptance of the invitation to the National Academy dinner.

CABLE ADDRESS "MUSEOLOGY"

J. A. A.

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am sorry to have missed you when you were at the Museum Saturday afternoom. I wish you had telephoned for me and I would have come down. The bear, No. 1336, is entered on the records of the Department of Taxidermy, as follows:

1336 Grizzly Bear, ♂, New York Zoological Society, received April 12, 1904.

Probably you could get further information from the records of the New York Zoological Society by writing to Dr. Hornaday. The date will doubtless give them a clue to the record of the specimen on their books.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Allen

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Your letter of July 25 was received yesterday. I am glad to know that you are likely to pay another visit to New York before you leave for California. I hope nothing may intervene to prevent the visit.

I have read your report of results on the gyas-kidderi group of bears with great interest. I can appreciate how puzzling this large material which you handle must be and congratulate you on being so near the end of the technical work on the bears. As to our specimens, you need not give yourself any uneasiness for having kept them so long, as I have had no particular use for them in the meantime.

Hoping to see you in a day or two,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Allen

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FRANK M. CHAPMAN, CURATOR OF ORNITHOLOGY

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I find your letter of August 6 on my desk this motning. I was not at the Museum yesterday. Also the two boxes are in my office, and I have no doubt everything is O.K.

I am sorry you could not get to New York before leaving for California.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Allen

J. A. A.

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Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your letter of August 23d is just received. The Bear on exhibition in our Museum, No. 16823, is entered in the catalogue as follows: Ursus horribilis, California (near Monterey); C. DuBois Wagstaff, Donor. Caught in a trap when very young, raised as a pet, and named 'Riley.'

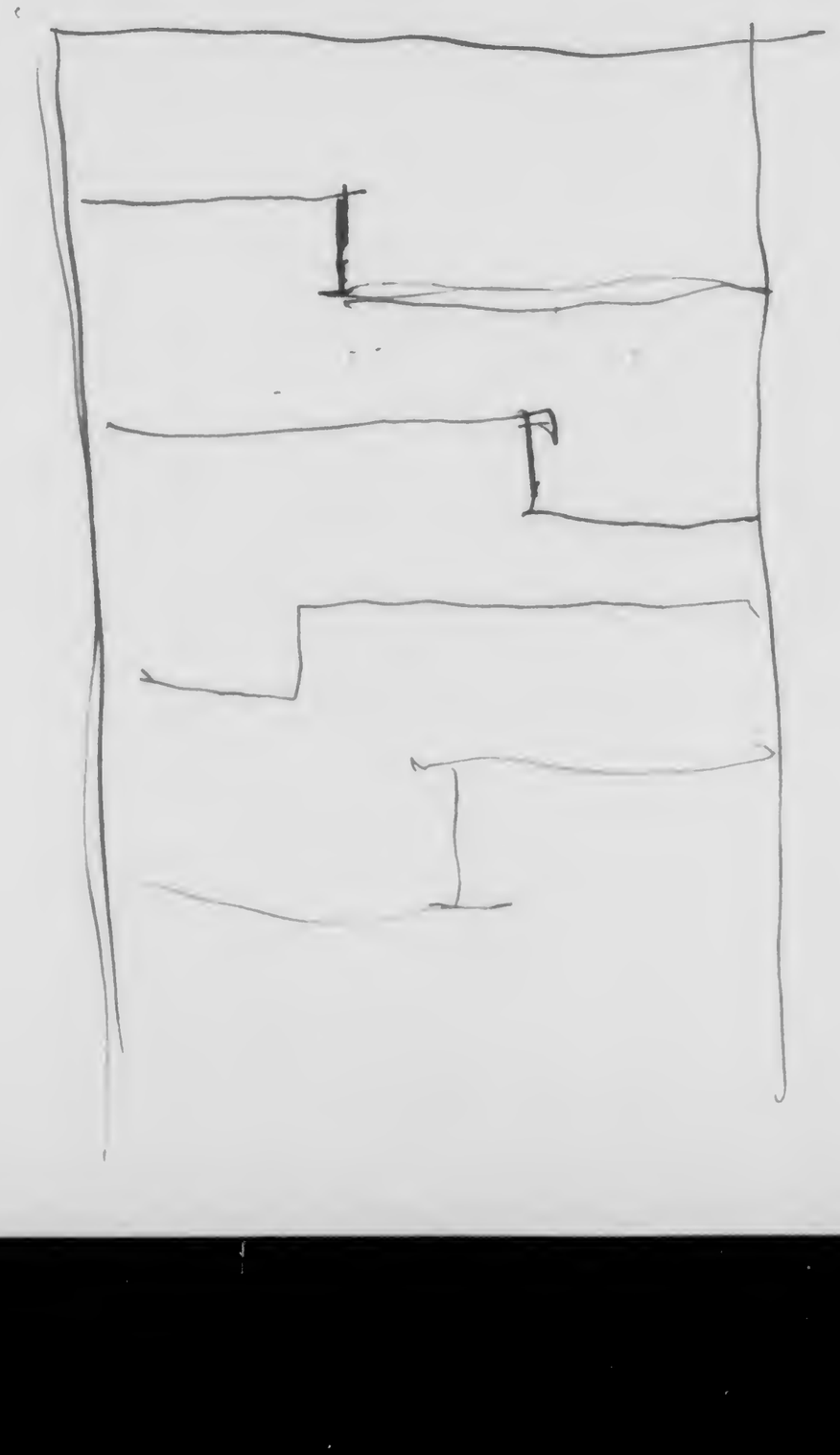
I am very glad to find so full an entry regarding the history of the specimen. We are very pleased to hear of your safe arrival and pleasant surroundings, and offer you our congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Allen

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, Marin Co.,
California.

Sue sends love to all, and hopes Elizabeth will write as soon as she finds time.



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Dec. 8, 1913

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your letter of December 4 was duly received. I have been too lazy to send out separates of my articles published in "Science" or the "American Naturalist" and some other publications to which I occasionally contribute, although I always have separates of them. I enclose a number of the more recent of these "Science" papers and can send you any others that you may wish.

We greatly enjoyed the brief visit from Dorothy and Mr. Abbott. They were most kind to take the trouble to come and see us and we appreciate it greatly.

With kindest regards to the Merriams,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Allen

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February 4, 1914.

Dear Sir:-

There will be a meeting of the A.O.U. Committee on Nomenclature and Classification of North American Birds at the U.S. National Museum in Washington, beginning Friday, April 10, 1914, at 10 A. M.

A schedule of cases to be considered is in preparation by Dr. Chas. W. Richmond, Secretary, and Dr. Witmer Stone, acting as a sub-committee for this purpose. The list will be sent to the members of the Committee later.

Respectfully,

J. A. Allen

Chairman.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

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J.A.A.

NEW YORK January 29, 1917.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I shall be very glad to send you the Barren Ground Bear skulls mentioned in your letter of January 23. Just at present I am shorthanded in my department and may not be able to forward them at once, as both Mr. Andrews and Mr. Anthony are away on Museum expeditons and another assistant whom I usually depend on especially for such services is away on account of illness. I will have them shipped, however, as soon as practicable.

I am glad to hear that you have already so much material relating to this group of bears.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Allen

Curator,
Dept. of Mammalogy and Ornithology.

Many thanks for your very kind letter anent my letter book - J.A.A.

Ansd. Feb. 16, 1917

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NEW YORK February 14, 1917.

DEPARTMENT OF MAMMALOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY
J. A. ALLEN, PH.D., CURATOR
FRANK M. CHAPMAN, SC.D., CURATOR OF ORNITHOLOGY

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

The skulls of the Barren Ground Bears collected by Mr. Anderson on his expedition to the Arctic coast are now being packed and they will be ready for shipment in a day or two. In the meantime, will you kindly advise me whether you wish them sent to the above address, or to the Museum.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Allen a. f. m.

Curator,
Dept. of Mammalogy & Ornithology.

Ansa Feb. 21, 1917

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NEW YORK February 19, 1917.

DEPARTMENT OF MAMMALOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY
J. A. ALLEN, PH.D., CURATOR
FRANK M. CHAPMAN, SC.D., CURATOR OF ORNITHOLOGY

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter of February 16 is received, and in accordance with your instructions I am sending to you to-day, by express, charges collect, care of the U.S.Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., the Barren Ground Bear skulls.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Allen

Curator,
Dept.of Mammalogy & Ornithology.

COPY

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77th Street and Central Park West
New York

Department of Mammalogy and Ornithology
J. A. Allen, Ph.D., Curator
Frank M. Chapman, Sc.D.,
Curator of Ornithology

April 14, 1919.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
President, American
Society of Mammalogists,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Your kind letter of April 5, informing me of my election to the American Society of Mammalogists as its first Honorary Member, was duly received and the honor thus conferred is, I assure you, greatly appreciated. I am deeply interested in the welfare of this Society and greatly regret that illness prevented my being present at its first meeting. I believe that this new organization, long overdue, will prove as helpful to the progress of Mammalogy, and make as brilliant a record as the American Ornithologists' Union has in the history of Ornithology.

Aasuring you of my deep appreciation of this new honor, and of your very kind words in making it known to me,

Very sincerely yours,

J. A. Allen

Rec'd. April 15, 1919 & original turned over to Secy. Am. Soc. of Mammalogists for files. - Comm

American Museum of Natural History

77th Street and Central Park West

New York City, May 16, *1920*

Dear Doctor Merriam: —

I was so disappointed to see so little of you when you were in New York, and your kind letter of May 8 explains your hasty return to Washington. I hope you have quite recovered from your illness. The bad air of that little audience room was fearful. I had to leave the meeting several times for a breath of cool fresh air. The meeting of mammalogist was a great success and I am sure the record of the Society thus far indicates for it a great future.

Sincerely Yours

J. A. Allen

makes his offer out of real interest
in the subject. On the other hand, to
decline his offer might be construed
as a bit of touchiness & unkindness
on our part, while the frank accep-
tance might be looked upon as a
token of readiness, on our part,
to cooperate
with our brethren of the B.O.C. The offer,
I admit, is a little bit awkward
to meet; but it seems true that
it would be no sacrifice of dignity
to graciously accept it. In any case
it seems to give a little bit of
coverage in the way of backing
up an appeal to those members
of the A.O.C. who happen to have
clasp pockets. Before making
him decisively I would test the
sentiment of a few of the members
of the Council, especially W. B. &
H. W. H., for whose instincts & judge-

ment in such matters I have
remained quiet -

Yours

J Adams

to have called upon members for dues ~~dosing~~ up to the hour of the election of your successor. I suppose you did not do it partly from a feeling of delicacy, as possibly foretelling the functions of your successor. I remember now that I ~~processed~~ wondered at the time whether this omission would in any way interfere with the accumulation of funds with which to meet pending bills, but presumed it would not materially since it would be possible, I innocently supposed, to send out bills for dues immediately in time to get returns with ten days to two weeks.

The time it has taken to get notifications, bills, etc., printed seems long & doubtless to any one who has not had personal experience with such matters. It does not seem

so time; & your part of the work has been done with commendable promptness. Of course the lists of members, the acct books, etc., were not essential & the new treasurer tells the blanks were ready,

Now in relation to your services to the A.O.U. as Secy & Treas, no one certainly has reason to complain of remissness, nor any lack of promptness & dispatch in attending to all official matters. The extent of these duties & the personal sacrifice they entail must be apparent to every one who joins the matter any serious thought, & to your confrères in office is perfectly obvious without any reflection; & I feel sure that by the latter they are profoundly appreciated, & cannot conceive of any unkind criticism from this source. The members at large have little knowledge of the inside workings

of the A.O.U. machine, & how, not unfrequently, a surprising lack of appreciation of the work & the sacrifices made by those on whom the official responsibilities rest. But it is hardly worth while to let complaints & criticism from this source weigh heavily, although they are necessarily annoying. I get my share, & I think make my share of personal sacrifice; at least one fourth of my entire time & energy is given gratuitously to the Union; & just now at quite a pecuniary sacrifice, for I know I have before me a literary opening that would largely increase my purse which I cannot accept on account of obligations to the Ass't. At times I feel that I have already done my share, & seriously think of asking to be relieved.

I inclose with this a letter I wrote yesterday, but failed to get off in last night's

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American Museum of Natural History

Central Park, New York City, _____ 1[illegible]

Department of Ornithology and Mammalogy;

J. A. Allen, Curator.

Mail. I would not trouble you in the matter if it could be avoided. Mr. C. B. C. will of course need to retain his lists of members; I feel almost equally in need of a list also. But all I will ask of you is a list of all of the Associate Members. The lists of the others I either already have or can prepare ~~them~~ from the Auk mailing list, now in my hands.

Ever, sincerely yours

J. A. Allen

P.S.— You fail to state whether there is anything, or how much there is, in the A.O.U. Treasury towards Wheeler's bill, but I infer not much. So I shall give my check to him for the full amount, as a personal loan to him, to be repaid to me when his bill is paid by Mr. Cory. Should have done this before had I known just how matters stood, or that his bill could not be met by the A.O.U. funds, as I assured him it would be settled by Nov. 30 last.

202 WEST 103RD STREET.

Dear Mr. Merriman:-

Monday afternoon.

I was surprised and delighted by receiving your book, "An Indian Buddist - "the Dawn of the World."

It is all so interesting, that I find it hard to leave off - before reading it.

It was just lovely of you - to give me a copy - and I greatly appreciate the gift

and feel very thankful
to be remembered in
such a way.

With many, many
thanks, for the beautiful
book,

Most sincerely yours -
Lee Capt Allen.

Wednesday, April 27, 1910.

The Clendening Apartment Hotel
202 West 103rd Street
New York City

Sept. 15th 1921

My dear Mrs. Merriam:-

Mrs. Allen rec'd your most kind and helpful letter, also Dr. Merriam's, for which she wishes me to thank you, and assure you that your messages of love and sympathy have comforted her.

I will try and give you some idea of the illness and passing of Dr. Allen - in the few moments I have to spare from my dear sister's bedside.

Mrs. Allen has been very ill this last few days - Dr. Arthur her physician, and I have been fighting against bronchial pneumonia for some days. I am thankful to report that to-day the patient seems better, and we can hope for a recovery.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen came to us at Cornwall on July 12th during that very hot humid term;

they were both quite feeble - coming to the great-
heat. On the 26th Dr. Allen was taken
with bowel trouble, after a few days the mis-
-matism extended to the colon, and caused great-
Suffering.
Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Swezy, and I did the nursing
until Dr. H. L. Winter who has a Sanitarium
within a mile from our old family home -
(he had been in attendance from Dr. Allens
first appearance of trouble). I told the Dr.
as well as Dr. Allen, decided it would be
better to move the patient to the Sanitarium
where we could be completely under the Drs
care, and have treatments that could not be
given in a home. This was done on the 13th
of August, the first week he seemed to gain, and
was so happy to be where he knew he was not
"nearing out three good women"! he was so
thoughtful of us all. Dr. Winter had told Mrs.
Swezy, that if Dr. Allen recovered from this attack,
enough to get home - he would never be able to
again do any work. About the 22nd there came
a change for the worse - his Kidneys were strained,
and the already weakened heart was over strained - here

I had to stop suddenly, 2 by the coming of Dr. Allen.
hence the blot!
The Dr. gave Mrs. Allen a treatment, and found
her much

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NEW YORK CITY

improved.
In return is my narrative, Soon
after the change in Dr. Allen, his mind at times
wandered, yet he always knew Mrs. Allen, She
called daily. On the 28th Sunday - When she
called, he only knew her for a moment, then be-
gan to talk excitedly about a manuscript - and
a collection of birds he seemed to be trying to buy.
This was of course a great shock to my dear Sister,
and early Monday the 29th the dear man laid
down his burden, to enter into a larger and
fuller life. I feel so sure the passing; only
lead the noble man into greater and
usefulness.
The Services were held in the dear old home
Where so many of our loved ones have gone
forth to return no more. Dr. Allen was laid
to rest in Woodlawn, where others of our family
have been laid, only about three miles from
Cornwall. On Sep. 3rd I came here with-

Mrs. Allen.

For a week or more she had been troubled with a cough, which the Dr. had been treating, but was still troubling her - When we came to the city, hoping the change would help her to throw it off, but it grew worse, and then developed in bronchial trouble, and the last week the left lung has been touched; but as I said in the beginning, we feel that the danger period has passed, except that she is very weak, and will be susceptible to any change - We are taking every precaution & trust her.

She has been so ill to make any plans - but certainly will be here for some months, for the recovery will be slow.

I expect to remain with her here.

Dr. Arthur wants her to go to a warmer climate for the winter. If she goes, I expect to go with her. I will make her my care as long as my strength holds out.

You may remember me as one of the Early Group to California in 1902. Tuy Mrs.

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202 West 103rd Street
New York City

Miss. Prentis was with me.

I trust this hurried writing will not Tax
Your eyes or patience, & read, beyond en-
-durance.

It is not easy When playing nurse-
& write carefully. There are so many inter-
-ruptions.

Mrs. Allen sends her dearest love, in which
I join. Again thanking You both for
Your kind messages.

I am cordially
Fannie G Prentis.
(Mrs. J. M. Prentis.)

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American Museum of Natural History,
CENTRAL PARK,
77th Street and Central Park, West.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.
J. A. ALLEN, Editor.
FRANK M. CHAPMAN, Assoc. Editor.

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 4, 1905.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

It was not my intention to leave Phila. quite so abruptly the other day, but found I was just in time to get an early train back to N.Y. & suddenly decided to take it. I had many things I wished to talk with you about, but it was a great satisfaction to meet you, even for so short a time.

I am hard at work putting the finishing touches on my Patagonian report, the first part of which has already gone to press, & I hope to send in the rest of the Mss. in a few days. I am really putting in about two months on it, after I had considered it practically finished — enlarging its scope somewhat & filling in the drills & decorations. I have thus been making much use of the collection, which has really

proved indispensible in the final revision. — By the way, have you any late news as to the status of the Guadalupe fur seal? My story ends with 1894, & if there is anything I can add respecting its history for the last ten years I shall be very glad to get it.

Jan. Auk is a little late, — the last pages have just left my hands. The whole of the last three days has been given to it.

With kind regards from Mrs Allen & Mrs. Merriam & yourself,

Sincerely,

J. A. Allen

Answ. Jan. 6, 1905.

Allen, Florence Ely (D), 1862-

1936

(Mrs. William Frederick Allen)

Re portraits of Florence Ely Allen

MARION BOYD ALLEN
FENWAY STUDIOS
30 IPSWICH STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

Answ. April 7, 1936 JMW

Apr. 1st. 1936.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.
1919 16th St., Washington. D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam,

Marion Dall suggests that I ask your advice regarding a collection of Indian portraits I have painted during the past two years, working at Kayenta, Ariz. (I was with the Wetherills nearly six weeks last-summer) and, later, with head-quarters at the Santa Fé Indian School.

I have been told that some Ethnological Department might, perhaps be interested in acquiring this group of portraits — they are <u>true likenesses</u> of the individuals, and when I could secure their native dress, I did so.

With quite a number of these Indians I came in rather close, personal touch. The Taos boy spent the whole day with me at Frijoles Cañon, and Jason Quana-holya drove me over two thousand miles!

But I am forgetting that you do not know "Jason":

I have just sent photographs (5" x 7in) to Mr. Charles Moore (1719 H St.) and, if the matter interests you at all, I feel sure he would be glad to send the collection over to your office, so you could get a better idea of my work. The portraits, themselves, are all life-sized.

I hope you will not think me presuming in consulting you.

I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your convenience, in case you find time to send me just a line.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Marion Boyd Allen.

Ameghino, Florentino, 1853-1911

1894

Obituary, differing included
(University difference in the Species?)
Tretomys and Plagiostomus

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La Plata, le 8 Sbre 1894

Monsieur le Dr C. Hart Merriam

Très honoré Monsieur.

Votre très estimée en date du 7 Juillet est en mon pouvoir ainsi que les brochures qui l'accompagnait. J'ai été beaucoup intéressé par la découverte d'espèces vivantes du genre Ptyssophorus au Mexique.

L'identité spécifique de Ptyssophorus elegans avec Thetomys atavus me paraît absolument improbable par les raisons suivantes. Le P. elegans je l'ai rencontré à Luján, dans la province de Buenos Aires et dans l'étage le plus superficiel de la formation pampéenne. Le T. atavus je l'ai rencontré aux environs de la ville de Córdoba, dans la partie inférieure de la formation pampéenne et à 200 lieues de distance de Luján. Par la conformation des

molaires il est indubitable que ces deux animaux se rapprochent; pourtant le Thetomys à les couronnes plus courtes et les racines plus longues que dans le Ptyssophorus, et le dégré de complication des molaires, n'est pas le même. La première molaire inférieure de Ptyssophorus est beaucoup plus compliquée que la première supérieure de Thetomys; la deuxième inférieure de Ptyssophorus est à peine un peu plus compliquée que la deuxième supérieure de Thetomys, tandis que la dernière supérieure de celui-ci est beaucoup plus compliquée que la dernière inférieure de Ptyssophorus.

S'il venait à être démontré qu'il y a identité générique, il en resulterait que dans ce genre il n'y a pas de concordance entre le dégré d'évolution de la dentture supérieure et de celle inférieure; il est vrai qu'il y a d'autres genres du même groupe qui se trouvent dans le même cas.

De ces animaux je ne possède que deux maxillaires de Thetomys et la mandibule figurée du Ptyssophorus. Probablement il passera beaucoup de temps avant que je puisse m'en procurer d'autres échantillons car dans ce moment tous mes efforts se dirigent à faire connaître les faunes les plus anciennes et les recherches je les fait poursuivre sur les gisements éocènes et crétacés.

Veuillez recevoir, très honoré Monsieur, l'expression de ma plus haute consideration

Florentino Ameghino

Popular Science Monthly, March 1917.

FLORENTINO AMEGHINO

By Dr. W. D. MATTHEW
AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

IN the death of this distinguished paleontologist science has sustained a heavy loss. Our knowledge of the splendid succession of fossil mammalian life in the Argentine is due principally to the work of Ameghino. A collector and explorer whose energy and enthusiasm no handicap of opposition and poverty could overcome, a student of immense learning and keen insight, a writer and controversialist of extraordinary facility and dialectic skill, a broad thinker and daring speculator, above all a man of high ideals and great patriotism, his life and achievements are well worthy of admiration and respect.

Ameghino seems to have interested himself in fossils from boyhood. In 1880, while still, it would seem, in the early twenties, he had already spent ten years of his life in collecting fossil mammals in the Pampean formation in the vicinity of Buenos Aires, and especially in searching for evidences of man contemporaneous with these extinct animals. His conclusions as to the antiquity of man had received notice in the local journals as early as 1875, but had failed to secure the endorsement of the heads of the two great Argentine museums. Failing this endorsement at home, he sought to secure it abroad, and in 1878 exhibited at the Paris Exposition a great collection of archeologic and paleontologic remains. (The fossils were purchased by the late E. D. Cope and later came into possession of the American Museum of Natural History in New York.) Fortified by the support received abroad, Ameghino published in 1880–81 a two-volume brochure entitled "La Antiguedad del Hombre en La Plata," in which his views were set forth in full, together with a history of the controversy.

In succeeding years his time was given more and more to researches in the older formations underlying the Pampean, and to the collection and study of the wonderful mammalian faunæ which they contained. To explore these formations, lying mostly far to the southward, 500 to 800 miles from Buenos Aires, involved long expeditions on the part of Ameghino's younger brother Carlos, the elder brother remaining at home to earn the necessary funds for his own and his brother's support through a small stationer's shop which he kept in La Plata. Year after year these expeditions continued, and their results were published by Florentino in a flood of descriptive and controversial papers, amazing



FIG. 1. PORTRAIT OF FLORENTINO AMEGHINO, October, 1910.
Courtesy of W. J. Sinclair.

in volume, learning and acrimony. In 1889 he published a revision of the fossil mammals of Argentina in two large quarto volumes abundantly illustrated. During thirty years of work Ameghino described over 500 new genera, with probably some thousands of species of fossil mammals.

These papers made known to science a whole new world of animal life. The Tertiary mammals of South America were as different from those of the rest of the world as is the modern Australian fauna, and for most of our knowledge of them we are indebted to Ameghino. Besides the Santa Cruz with its wonderful riches of fossil mammals, he described a series of older faunas no less interesting. That so much should be accomplished by one man is remarkable enough. It is far more remarkable that he should achieve so much in spite of straitened means, and bitter official opposition, which he had, it must be admitted, brought upon himself by his vehement, combative and controversial

spirit. Some of his work, indeed, appears hasty and ill-considered, and its value seriously marred by a partisan and contentious maintenance of theoretic conclusions which most paleontologists have found it impossible to accept. Ameghino regarded the age of the later formations of Argentina as much greater than his confrères in Europe and North America could admit, and maintained views in regard to the phylogeny and derivation of the Tertiary faunæ, which, however skilfully defended, are not likely to find acceptance. But these peculiarities of theory and temperament should not blind us to the immense value and interest of his discoveries, nor to the vast learning and indefatigable industry with which they were brought before the scientific world. Nor should they prevent due meed of admiration to his enthusiasm and energy and sincere love of science. It is pleasant to record that even in his earlier years he had won his way to the high respect and honor of his fellow citizens and to an admittedly high standing abroad. He occupied for a time the chair of zoology and comparative anatomy in the University of Cordoba, and in 1886 was appointed secretary and subdirector of the La Plata Museum, but resigned this post two years later owing to differences with the director, Señor F. P. Moreno, and for ten or twelve years afterwards seems to have held no important official positions. In 1902 when the directorship of the Museo Nacional of Buenos Aires became vacant, Señor Ameghino was appointed to this honorable post. Under his direction the museum has shown great vigor and activity, while his researches bore fruit in a series of publications, now



FIG. 2. THE "RIVADAVIA" STATIONER'S SHOP IN LA PLATA.
Courtesy of Professor W. B. Scott.

From the management of this business Ameghino secured the means to carry on his great researches in Argentine paleontology, and to maintain numerous expeditions by his brother Carlos into central and southern Patagonia.

abundantly illustrated, describing new discoveries and supporting and elaborating his stratigraphic and phylogenetic views.

His untimely death in August, 1911, is stated to have been due to blood poisoning from a neglected wound.

Through the courtesy of Professor W. B. Scott and Dr. W. J. Sinclair I am enabled to illustrate this notice with a portrait of Dr. Ameghino, and with views of the shop which supplied the funds for his explorations and the little workshop and study where his collections were installed and the greater part of his monumental researches were



FIG. 3. AMEGHINO'S WORKSHOP AND STUDY AT THE BACK OF HIS STATIONERY STORE IN LA PLATA.

Courtesy of Professor W. B. Scott.

Packing cases stacked against the walls and in every available space served to accommodate the boxes of fossils, and rough deal tables to lay them out for examination and study.

carried on. There is something peculiarly affecting and inspiring in the picture of this great paleontologist, maintaining through all these years of straitened circumstance a record of splendid achievement, in a field which beyond most others is supposed to require ample means in order to accomplish much that is worth while. For the most conservative of paleontologists will accord to him a record of accomplished work equalled by few of his confrères in amount and importance.

Time will show how much of Ameghino's contribution to paleontologic theory will stand. But, right or wrong, his challenging of many accepted views has compelled a reconsideration and more careful sifting of the evidence upon which they are based, which can not but be bene-

ficial, whatever conclusions it leads to. In this field he stood forth as the chief exponent of doctrines maintained against strong and widespread opposition, forced into recognition and partial acceptance by the sheer vigor and energy with which he defended them, and the learning and skill with which he marshalled a tremendous array of evidence in their support. I, who disbelieve these views and have taken some share in combating them, can well afford to honor the ability and industry with which they were defended. Heterodoxy is of the life of scientific doctrine, the surest indication of its vigor and progressiveness. Only in decadence will our theories degenerate into a "body of geologic dogma," admitted to universal belief with universal indifference.

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WM. C. HARRIS, Editor.

—OFFICE OF—

"The American Angler,"

252 BROADWAY,

(OPPOSITE CITY HALL.)

New York, Dec 12th 1884

Mr. Livingston Stone.

My dear Sir

Your note came with this morning's mail, for which please accept Lenty thanks

The new habitat of the "blue-back" and its advantages habit, is entirely new to me, and doubtless to most of our readers who do not keep abreast with the latest ichthyological literature, which with myself is almost out of the question, so onerous are my duties in the business & Editorial Depts of our paper. Yours most sincerely

W. C. Harris

Editor



New York Dec. 14/84

Dr Merriam –

My dear Sir

In your favor of 26th
ult you said – "I may
send you a note for the
Angler ere long."

Mr. Harris called on
me yesterday to inform me
that he was in receipt of
a very interesting com-
munication for his columns
from your pen. He was so
much pleased, that I
would not be content
short of thanking you
by letter. I feel an ex-
traordinary interest in the col-
face of that journal, –
back on account of its
aims & the worthiness

of it, Editor, whom I have known for years as a very enthusiastic angler & a sound man in every respect. The idea of writing to you has been confirmed by talking upon the enclosed this morning in a clever card paper. It may reveal nothing new to you, but I never heard of the "dropping song" of this remarkable bird before. I am going to suggest to Mr. Harper to spread the fine of his paper over the birds. Would it not be a good thing for him to do?

Yours truly H. H. Thompson
P O B 839

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SECRETARY, GEORGE GRANT MACCURDY
YALE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., October 10th 1905

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

DEAR SIR:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED A ..... MEMBER OF THE

AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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NEW YORK,

Answ. Oct. 19, 1912

Dear Sir:-

The income of the American Anthropological Association, notwithstanding its gradually increasing membership and the growing interest in its aims and objects, is not yet sufficient to meet its expenses. You will, I am sure, agree with me that either to decrease the size of the "American Anthropologist" when the demand for space therein is constantly increasing, or to cheapen its mechanical make-up, would be most undesirable, especially as our journal is now universally regarded as amongst the leading scientific magazines published.

For these reasons it seems desirable that our members and others interested in the advancement of Anthropology should be asked to aid in enabling the Association to continue the publication of our journal without the danger of a serious deficit at the close of the year.

It is the desire of the Treasurer to interest the members to obtain subscriptions to the publication fund of, say from $10 to $50 a year, for two or three years, from those whom they feel can be approached in the matter.

Will you not be so good as to make a special effort in this direction, having in mind some person or persons whom you can apprise of the Association's needs?

Very truly yours,

B. T. Babbitt Hyde

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11 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

NEW YORK, October 24th, 1912.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas,
Marin Co., Cal.

Dear Sir :-

I am just in receipt of your kind favor of the 16th imst., and wish to thank you for your offer of contribution of $10 a year for three years toward the Publication Fund of American Anthropologist. Following your suggestion, would say, there is no time like the present, and I should be very glad to receive the first payment of $10 whenever you wish to send it.

I should like to ask if you wish the above addressed used for forwarding the publications to you, or the Washington address, as heretofore?

Very truly yours,

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Andover, Mass.
December 11, 1924.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I have your letter of December 9th. We do not print separates of the articles in the "Anthropologist", beyond a few copies for the authors. The best I could do, therefore, would be to supply you with two copies of the full issue of the journal at $2.00 each. It is possible, however, that Miss Benedict might be able to let you have two of her separates. Her address is Bedford Hills, N. Y.

wrote her Dec 12/1924

Very truly yours,

A. V. Kidder

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Andover, Mass.
December 2, 1925.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 16th St.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

I have your letter of November 30th and am pleased to hear that you will give us a paper on the "Tribes of Northeastern California". I will send you a copy of the program about December 15th.

Looking forward to seeing you at New Haven at the time of the meeting, I am

Yours very sincerely,

A.V. Kidder

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
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Dear Dr. Merriam:

In Mr. Gifford's absence I am answering your letter to him of March 6th.

I do not recall whether an order for reprints of your letter on Henshaw was given to our printer. Do you remember whether you filled in a reprint order when you read proof on it? If not, I hardly think there is any way of getting reprints for you, now. However, no reprints of anything appearing in No. 1 have been sent out yet. I dunned our printer about this, yesterday, and probably reprints will be distributed very shortly. I shall write him, now, as to whether you were sent any reprints.

Yours truly,
(Mrs. C. A.) Gwen Block

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Rcvd. Sept. 7, 1926

Sept. 1, 1926.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas,
Marin County, California.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

We regret that we cannot publish this year your article on Shasta which has already been ~~set up~~ prepared for the printer. I quite appreciate your sentiments in wishing it returned. We have, however, more material prepared for publication than is possibly feasible for publication this year. Therefore we are regretfully returning your manuscript.

Very truly yours,
Robert H. Lowie
Editor.

1060 Clay Avenue, N. Y. C.
June 11, 28.

Dear Dr. Merriam —

Thanks ever so much for your kind connection. I am instructing my assistant to have it set up for our discussion section.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Lowie

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October 115, 1928.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas,
California.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Many thanks for your note for the Anthropologist. I am having it set up immediately, and hope it will be possible to run it in the first issue of 1929.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Lowie

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Yours of January 31st is one of several letters concerning the delay of reprints. I am writing the printers concerning the matter and believe that you will soon r eceive the number ordered.

Yours very truly,

Robert H. Lowie

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I greatly regret that you were the recipient of a defective copy of the Anthropologist. I have already written to our printer and requested him to send you a perfect one.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Lowie

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear.Dr. Merriam:

I am very glad to gather that you were satisfied with the notice of your work in the Anthropologist and I have forwarded your letter to Dr. Jaime de Angulo. Dr. de Angulo has a medical degree but is particularly interested in the ethnology and linguistics of American Indians, more particularly in the Californians. His address is 2852 Buena Vista Way, Berkeley.

Yours very truly

Robert H. Lowie

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March 18, 1930

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Research Associate Smithsonian Institution,
1919 - 16th Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your letter of March 10 arrived several days ago but the manuscript was only delivered yesterday. Hence my delay in acknowledgement. I am getting into touch with our engraving company to get an estimate of the cost of reproduction of the map in color and shall let you know at once.

The copy for #2 of the American Anthropologist is all ready to go to the printer but I am holding it to prepare your paper. I understand that you are willing to pay for the article. Under normal conditions I would not think of asking for more than the cost of the plate and map but the financial status of the Association is such that I should like to avail myself of your generous offer to pay for the entire article.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Lowie

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March 31, 1930

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I acknowledge your letter of March 25 with the enclosed article on the Em-tim-bitch. I shall be glad to print this as well as other articles by you with the obvious limits that there cannot be normally two articles by the same author in one issue. I fully understand and sympathize with your desire to put on record some of the ethnographical material amassed during your field work.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Lowie

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P.S. I am enclosing proofs of your map and picture which have just come from the engraver. You will notice that the proofs of the map are marked A and B. I would greatly appreciate it if you would wire your O.K. and also indicate in your wire whether you prefer the colors of A or of B.

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the corrected proof. Of course we shall be glad to send you page proof on the understanding that you will return it without delay.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Lowie

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June 3, 1930

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am enclosing page proof of your article which is to appear in #2 of the AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST for 1930. Will you indicate where you wish the picture of "Saxy Kid" to go and where you would prefer to have the map inserted?

As this issue of the ANTHROPOLOGIST is so late we will appreciate having the proof returned as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,
Wesleyn B. Tucker
Editorial Assistant.

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June 10, 1930

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

The page proof for your article in #2 of the ANTHROPOLOGIST arrived Saturday. Thank you very much for returning it so promptly. We are requesting the printer to run off twenty-five extra maps for you.

Enclosed is galley proof for your article which will probably appear in #3. We will of course be glad to have it back as soon as you can send it.

Very truly yours,
Wesleyan B. Tucker
Editorial Assistant.

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American Association for the Advancement of Science.

August 31, 1885.

I have the honor to inform you that you were this day elected a Fellow of this Association.

The constitution requires that members shall pay a fee of *two dollars* on the acceptance of election as Fellows. Upon the receipt of this fee a certificate of fellowship will be furnished by the Permanent Secretary.

Respectfully your obedient serv't,

F. W. PUTNAM,

Permanent Secretary.

Office, Salem, Mass.

To C. H. Merriam

Locust Grove, N. Y.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

L. O. HOWARD,
PERMANENT SECRETARY.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 9, 1904.

Sir:

I have the honor to notify you that at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held in St. Louis during the past Convocation Week, you were elected Vice-President and Chairman of Section F, for the Association year beginning December 28, 1904.

Yours very truly,

L. O. Howard

Permanent Secretary.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

U. S. Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

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Accepted Jan. 22, 1904

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L. O. HOWARD,
PERMANENT SECRETARY.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 26,1906.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I am sending you herewith a copy of your address as retiring Vice-President of Section F of the Association, cut and pasted from the journal SCIENCE. Will you please make such corrections or alterations therein as may be necessary and return it to me at your earliest convenience for publication in the Proceedings of the New Orleans meeting. Please also advise me whether or not you desire any more than the 100 extras furnished by the Association.

Yours very truly,

L. O. Howard
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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

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Washington, D.C.

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May 16th-1913.

Mr. C.H.Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Of course there are a good many things to be considered in laying out a transcontinental tour, particularly as route information has not been specialized up to the present time. We think, however, we have made a very great advance in bringing out the enclosed map of Transcontinental Routes, which shows the general lay of the land throughout. Furthermore, if you will look on the reverse of the map you will find a careful analysis of the different routes, and also the approximate time of publishing the two books we shall bring out this year.

Of course we have the Trail to Sunset - Chicago to Los Angeles and San Francisco over the Santa Fe Trail, but this route would be probably too warm for you to travel starting as late as June.

It is difficult to comment on the route from Washington to the West. As you know, the Old National Road is in bad shape between Hagerstown and Cumberland, so bad in fact that we are dropping it out altogether in our routings. It would be better in our opinion to run up to McConnellsburg (not shown on this small-scale map), and thence over the Lincoln route to Pittsburgh. While it is feasible to go over the National Road to St.Louis, many bridges were washed away by the spring floods, and various sections of the road are in bad shape. We therefore recommend the line from Pittsburgh to Cleveland, thence to Chicago over the main line as marked. While this is of course somewhat longer than the line through St.Louis we are sure you will make better time over it. From Chicago it will make very little difference which route you take from that city to the Missouri River.

We believe that the analysis of the routes on the reverse will be of more service to you than any amount of comment in the form of a letter.

We could furnish you also a copy of our New York-Chicago-Mississippi River map (1912 edition 25¢), and in about two weeks a fine, new map of Pennsylvania for $1.00.

In the event that you care to take a membership in this association, application blank and circular are enclosed; if so, you would be entitled to a bonus of five maps, of which the enclosed could be counted as one. In that event, it would be best to check

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off the other four that you would like and address this department direct so that the proper selection will be made.

You will have no difficulty in traveling all the way on your home license, due very largely to the work of this organization along legislative lines in the past.

Yours very truly,
A.A.A. TOURING BUREAU,

Manager.

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May 19th-1913.

Mr. C.Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of yours of May 17th, enclosing check for membership in this association; and your card is enclosed herevith. The magazine, The American Motorist, will go to you automatically; and the nickel radiator emblem sent under separate cover.

There is no question whatever about your being able to make the entire trip on your home license. The trouble between the District of Columbia and Maryland is purely local, and hardly dignified to either party. We presume that you are acquainted with the situation there and for that reason do not refer to it, but beyond that the way is clear and plain.

It will be necessary to place your name on the list for the Pennsylvania map which we are doing today, with the expectation of mailing it in about a week. Under separate cover are sending you Virginia, New York-Chicago-Mississippi River, but have no separate maps for the Central West States.

Of course you have one more map due you, so as we do not have a map of California and know from experience that every transcontinental tourist needs more than one Transcontinental map, we are making up your quote of five by sending another Transcontinental map in addition to the one you have. Are quite sure that you will find use for this before you reach California.

We do not publish the Blue Books, but carry them in stock for the convenience of our members and friends. The enclosed circular lists the 1913 editions, and we would be glad to fill your order for any that you may need. The Blue Books carry the advertisements of hotels and garages in the territory they cover; but we do not publish a list of these, although that is a subject to which we may give considerable attention in the not-distant future.

Yours very truly,
A.A.A. TOURING BUREAU,

Manager.

Acknd. May 20, 1913

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Answ. May 22/1913

May 21-1913.

Mr. C.Hart Merriam,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday, and your order for Volumes 4 and 5 Blue Books has been turned over to the Automobile Blue Book Publishing Co. with the request that they be sent you by express prepaid without delay.

When it comes to the discussion of a technical question as between Maryland and the District of Columbia, I confess that I am confused; and am inclined to suggest that you call at the Automobile Bureau, District of Columbia, which is (is now) in the District Building, Pennsylvania Ave. & 14th St. I even yet doubt if you would have any actual trouble in going through that portion of Maryland that you will traverse on the way from Washington to the West.

Yours very truly,

A.A.A. TOURING BUREAU,

Manager.

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P.S. In your last letter you asked us for the name of the automobile which Mr. Westgard used in his transcontinental trip in 1911; and believe we neglected to answer you. This trip was made in the Garford.

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Mr. C. Hart Merriam,

Lagunitas, Marin County

California

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find bill covering membership renewal for the forthcoming year.

We are confident that you feel that it has been worth while to co-operate with your fellow motorists in securing and retaining those things which tend to make convenient the use of self-propelled vehicles.

Roads properly built, adequately maintained, and legibly sign-posted; equitable and effective legislation relating to the use of the automobile; and the preparation and dissemination of touring information, concern the A.A.A., not only in your vicinity, but in the whole State and in the country at large.

We have not accomplished all that we seek, but undeniable progress has been made; and a continuation of your co-operation, with the addition of many newcomers, will enable us to go forward at an accelerated pace.

Fraternally yours,

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Answ. May 21, 1914.

NEW YORK, May 19th-1914.

Mr.C.Hart Merriam,
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

I well remember the exchange of letters with you last year and the rather unfortunate time you had in crossing Utah and Nevada; much the same conditions were encountered by the Indiana-Pacific Tour, as you may know.

We have just published the book of the Overland Trail--Chicago to San Francisco--this also has the option from Omaha through Lincoln to Denver.

While it is true that considerable road work will undoubtedly be in process through the section where you had so much trouble, nearly everyone seems to be planning trips to the Pacific Coast that way. There is no question, however, that from this time on, a great deal of additional travel will go between Albuquerque and Southern California by the way of what is now coming to be called the Santa Fe-Grand Canyon-Needles route, although directions for this new highway have not yet been compiled.

We are to bring out in a few days an entirely new map of Transcontinental routes, about 50% larger than the 1913 edition, and on this we have charted the Santa Fe-Grand Canyon-Needles Highway by the assistance of parties along the line, which will probably help you very much. Of course, however, like the Trail to Sunset, this is a rather warm route in mid-summer.

We are still of the opinion that you would be disappointed on the direct route through St.Louis to Kansas City, although within the past year sections of the Old National Road from Hagerstown to Cumberland have been much improved,-- the uncertainty being as to how much repair work will be in process on the Old National Road west of Wheeling. We are somewhat of the opinion that the way you went last year would be better to use again. As a member, you would be entitled to order the new Transcontinental map at half price-- or 25 cents. Copies can be sent about as soon as we could hear from you again.

Yours very truly,
A.A.A. TOURING BUREAU,

Manager.

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NEW YORK, May 22-1914.

Mr.C.Hart Merriam,

Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of the 21st at the time we are having delivery of the new Transcontinental map from the printers.

Under separate cover we are sending you two copies of the map and also the Overland Trail book - covered by your remittance. We think you will find the map particularly useful in analysing the different routes, as well as showing more clearly the details than heretofore available on the Santa Fe-Grand Canyon-Needles Highway, while of course the book gives details from Chicago to San Francisco in the most specific form.

We thank you for the reference to the Davis Garage of North Platte, and will not only send them a copy of the Transcontinental map but suggest that they take out an official appointment.

Yours very truly,
A.A.A. TOURING BUREAU,

Manager.

Ansd. Feb. 9, 1915

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TOURING BUREAU
437 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

January 27, 1915.

Mr.C.Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, Marin County
California.

Dear Sir:-

In the more than 10 years that I have been engaged in this work, 5 1/2 years with the Blue Book, and the balance at this office, it has been my plan to make one trip of fair length each year, necessarily in the eastern territory, on account of the short absences I can arrange. These trips are usually taken in November; and about the middle of that month, 1914, I made a trip from Baltimore to Wheeling over the Old National Road, taking detailed notes, having in mind at a more or less distant time the writing of a new history of it from the standpoint of the modern traveler.

During our slack season, I am giving considerable time to working up the preliminaries of that subject. Unfortunately, I am unfamiliar with the fauna and flora of this section and asked a friend of mine in Cumberland to furnish me some notes to make up my own lack in that respect. As a result, I expect to incorporate into the work a few references substantially as furnished by my correspondent.

You may be interested to know that among the references he gives for one who cares to pursue the matter further, is your book dealing with the fauna and flora of Alleghany Co. Maryland. At any rate, as the name appears to be identical, I presume it is your book; but would be interested to know. Furthermore, if you would like, I will put your name down for a copy of the publication when issued.

Unfortunately, when I went to the little country school, several miles from a town in northern New York, our subjects were restricted to "reading, writing and arithmetic", and the sciences were unknown even to our teacher, to say nothing about us little greenhorn scholars. So it is that in taking a subject of this kind, I am obliged in some respects to seek such help as furnished by my correspondent in Cumberland.

Yours very truly,
A.A.A. TOURING BUREAU.

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Manager.

Answd Feb 12, 1915 -

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FEBRY. 10th-1915.

Dr.C.Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am delighted to have your letter of February 9th, which has been read over with a great deal of interest. The publications you refer to have not yet been delivered, but I suppose I will receive them in the morning.

A short time ago I was invited by the editor of the A.C.A. Club Journal, which was about the only one in this field that would give as much as eight pages a month to the Old National Road for five consecutive months, to make up a list of twenty-five names, to whom I might like to have the entire series go complimentary.

This list was made up and delivered several days ago; but I today telephoned the editor, asking him to add your name to the list for the series, which he has kindly consented to do. You will therefore have the opportunity, if you wish, to look over the five articles, of which the first one -largely introductory in character- should reach Washington about as soon as this letter.

An experience of over ten years exclusively in this field has perhaps given me the training needed to bring out the Old National Road with topographic distinctness; but, unfortunately, I know little ornothing about the flora and fauna of the territory traversed by this route. Consequently, it was necessary either for me to let that part of it go or get some notes from other parties, and Mr. Edward Harris, senior, of Cumberland, kindly consented to help me supply that lack. Am afraid, however, that my references to it will not be up to the standard of the other part of the work.

I trust, however, that you will look the series over with interest, and particularly give me the benefit of any criticisms before I bring out the work in more permanent form.

Yours very truly,
A.A.A.TOURING BUREAU, Manager.

Answd. Feb. 12 1915

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Febry. 11th-1915.

Dr.C.Hart Merriam,
Washington,D.C.

Dear Dr.Merriam:-

The two books which you were kind enough to send arrived this morning; and I thank you most heartily for same, only wishing that I had the technical knowledge to thoroughly understand them. As it is, I am adding them with interest to my reference files.

Presume that this morning you received the first issue of the Journal of the Automobile Club of America containing my articles; and I trust that you will look it over with interest. If you would care to see proof of that part of the third article, in which I have incorporated some observations by Mr.Edward Harris, Sr., of Cumberland, I would have a carbon copy made to submit for your inspection. Of course all I could give now would be a few references to the subject.

Very soon I shall be obliged to pass all of the articles, and will be entirely busy for several months with the work of this department. If, however, you have any suggestions to make on any of the articles, I would be glad indeed to file same for incorporation in the larger and more permanent work to be issued I hope before another year.

Yours very truly,
A.A.A.TOURING BUREAU,

Manager.

Answd Apr 10, 1915

437 5th Ave., New City
April 7, 1915

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir/

The April issue of my sketch,
dealing with the visit from Hagerstown to
Cumberland, is now in press, and copy should
reach you by the end of the week. However,
a scarcity of room space used by the
cuts, the editor left out my reference to
the farmer and flora of the mountains, which
I had prepared, with the assistance of
Mr. Harris, of Cumberland.

Sometime ago I sent you
drawing that my knowledge dear Uncle

My time is exceedingly limited — much to my regret. But I am intending to see those who report selected to be brought out sometime during the summer. The Bought stories me that you might be willing to do me the great favor of looking over these pages and making any general additions or amendments. Would certainly approciate it very much; and it would add much to the value of the contributed series.

Perhaps you would also be willing to tell me something about the mountain camps on the ridges East of Cheenton.

Very truly Yours, A. Bruce

Answd Apr 8, 1916

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April 4, 1916.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor:

Your membership in the A.A.A. District of Columbia Club indicates your belief in the need of a local organization to interest itself in matters affecting the owners of motor cars in the Capital district.

An advisory committee is needed to conduct the affairs of the local club, and the Honorable Martin Knapp has accepted the presidency of it.

At the suggestion of our National president, Mr. John A. Wilson, I am asking that you serve as a member of this local advisory committee, assuring you that it is only occasionally that we shall ask you to meet with the others in deciding any question which might arise in reference to local motoring conditions.

Trusting that you will be able to devote a little of your time to this purpose, on occasion, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

A. G. Batchelder

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May 2nd
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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:-

I have been instructed by Judge Knapp, president of the advisory board of the A.A.A. District of Columbia Club, to call the first meeting of the members of the board for Saturday, May 6, 1916, to be held in the rooms of the American Automobile Association, Riggs building, 15th and G Streets, at 12 o'clock, noon. This meeting will be of but one hour's duration, the chief subject will be traffic regulations, and your presence at this particular meeting is urgently requested.

Very truly yours,

Wm Ullman

WU-ED Secretary

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1916

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:-

Judge Knapp has appointed Dr. Van Schaick, Mr. Cunningham and yourself as members of a committee to take charge of the raising of funds for the repair of that portion of the Richmond-Washington Highway known as the Chopawamsic Swamp.

Would it be possible for you to meet with the other two members on the committee at club headquarters Monday, June 5, at 2 P.M.? If this hour is not convenient for you, I wish you would let me know as early as possible that I may notify Dr. Van Schaick and Mr. Cunningham.

Sincerely yours,

Wm Ullman

WU/ED Secretary

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June 19, 1916.

Mr. C. H. Merriam,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Being one of that ever-increasing army of citizens who find health and recreation in driving their motor cars over good roads, doubtless you have visited every place of interest in this vicinity which can be reached over a good highway. And now you are seeking new fields.

Would you give $2 for a new touring place easily accessible from Washington? Of course you would. Then here is your opportunity.

The towns and cities along the route of the Richmond-Washington highway are each endeavoring to raise a designated sum for a general fund to be applied to the building of a road through the Chopawamsic swamp--six miles of abominable country that robs Washingtonians of a fine touring place, and annually keeps thousands of motor tourists out of the National Capital. Washingtonians are asked to contribute $4,870 to this fund.

This is not intended as an appeal to your civic pride. We ask you to make an investment of $2, which will be a direct return in furnishing another artery for your pleasure--opening a fine highway to Asheville, N.C., with Richmond, 135 miles distant, as a center of interest.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL FROM HERE TO RICHMOND OVER A GOOD DIRECT HIGHWAY, FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED BLANK AND SEND IT TO US WITH YOUR CHECK FOR $2.

Just as surely as you make this contribution, this highway will be completed and an unequalled touring ground will be opened to you. And besides having a new touring place, you will have the added satisfaction of knowing that YOU helped build this road.

Everyone will want to use this road, and those who will enjoy it most will be those who gave to make it possible.

Earnestly yours,

A.A.A. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CLUB

Wm. Ullman Secretary.

For the Fund Committee (Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Chairman
(J. Harry Cunningham
(Fred S. Hardesty

N.B. This fund has been started with a subscription of $100 from this club. Acknowledgement of your contribution will be made in next Sunday's newspapers.



This is the kind of a road encountered in the Chopawamsic Swamp, which is annually costing Washington merchants thousands of dollars, and robbing Washington motorists of a splendid touring ground. Surely, it is hard to believe such a road exists within 30 miles of the Nation's Capital!



This is the kind of a modern highway that will soon succeed the six miles of bog shown above, if you will immediately send in your contribution to the construction fund.

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

Mighty glad to note your renewal of membership.

While you didn't say you wanted a transcontinental map we really think one ought to be sent and so we send one under separate cover. The strip maps and radiator emblem are on the way and your order has been put down for the Arizona-New Mexico map which is now in the hands of the printer.

We are quite mixed up in the Townsend bill which will be introduced in the next several days, calling for a Federal system and a Federal commission.

Now that the war is over we shall again begin to have some meetings of the A.A.A District of Columbia Club directors.

I've waved to you a couple of times and possibly you did or didn't see me out on the road.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. Batchelder

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Jan. 20, 1921.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Your comment in regard to the official Government abbreviation for California has been duly received and passed along to Editor Ullman of American Motorist.

We thank you for calling our attention to the matter, and, as a matter of fact, it is always our desire to use "Calif.," but now and then it has crept in otherwise.

We shall be glad to have you drop in when you get back.

Very sincerely yours,

A. G. Batchelder

Executive Chairman.

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May 12, 1921.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 16th St. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

It happens that the annual meeting of the A. A. A. is to be held in Washington this year. The annual dinner is scheduled for the Hotel Washington, at 7 P. M. Monday, May 16. Will you come? We should be mighty glad to have you at the table with the District delegates and I trust that you can arrange to be present. Informal dress.

Won't you let me have your decision in the matter not later than Saturday morning?

Very sincerely yours,

Wm Ullman

Secretary.

Dic. by
William Ullman
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Rcd'd Apr. 6, 1922
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April 4, 1922.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merriam:

A meeting of the Advisory Board of the District of Columbia Division of the American Automobile Association is hereby called for Thursday, April 13, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to be held at A.A.A. National Headquarters, 1108 Sixteenth Street, N. W.

It is earnestly urged that you attend this meeting, as several important matters affecting District affairs require immediate attention, including automobile taxation and reciprocity with Maryland.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of meeting you at that time, believe me,

Very truly yours,

George C. Diehl

PRESIDENT.

We will very much appreciate hearing from you whether you can be present at this meeting.

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April 10, 1922.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

We are writing to remind you of the meeting of the Advisory Board of the District of Columbia Division of this Association which will occur on Thursday, April 13, at 3 P. M., 1108 Sixteenth Street. Mr. Diehl is very anxious to see you and the other members of the Board at that time.

Sincerely yours,

M. O. Eldridge, Secretary,
Good Roads Board.

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January 25, 1924.

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January 28, 1924.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

This will acknowledge with thanks your prompt reply to my letter of January twenty-fifth, and also advise that the changes you suggest have been made in the letter we are expecting to send out in our campaign.

I have had exceedlingly kind replies from several members of our Advisory Committee already.

Very truly yours

Ernest N. Smith,
General Manager.

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May 19, 1924

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

On the call of President Coolidge, there will be held in the auditorium of the New National Museum on May 22, 23 and 24, a National Conference on Outdoor Recreation.

I am pleased to inform you that Thos. P. Henry, President of this Association, has appointed you as a delegate to represent this Association at the Conference.

An outline of the subjects which will be discussed and considered at the Conference is enclosed, herewith, for your information.

Sincerely yours,

M. O. Eldridge,
Secretary,
Good Roads Board

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May 24, 1927

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919-16th Street
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

We are in receipt of an application blank for insurance which you returned with the notation that you are over seventy years of age, but that you are going to California as usual in your car.

We are enclosing another insurance blank. If you will fill this in with the necessary information, we will write to the Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company of Chicago and get a special endorsement to attach to your policy. This provides for the extension of the age limit from seventy to eighty years.

Immediately upon receipt of this application, we will take the matter up with Chicago.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth G. Fries

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October 21, 1927.

Dr. C. R. Merriam,
1919 - 16th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

We are enclosing our check in the amount of $5.25 as reimbursement for emergency service rendered by the Lincoln Highway Garage, Medicine Bow, Wyoming, under date of September 28th.

We are indeed pleased to know that the service rendered you by the Lincoln Highway Garage was satisfactory.

Assuring you of our desire to be of service at all times, we are

Yours very truly,

D. S. Peterson,
Manager,
Emergency Road Service,
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December 12, 1930

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 16th St. N.W.,

City

Dear Doctor:

In response to your letter of Dec. 10th, we enclose herewith your application for 1931 license. Please fill out completely and return to us at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

O. Durant, Manager
A.A.A. LICENSE BUREAU.

Enc/

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December 29, 1931.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Research Associate,
Smithsonian Institution,
1919 - 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

In accordance with our letter of December 18, we are enclosing herewith duplicate application for District of Columbia license plates which we secured for you from the Department of Vehicles and Traffic.

In order to secure your license plates, it is only necessary for you to sign this blank in the space reserved for owner's signature and return to this office with your check in the amount of $2.00 covering cost of tags, plus personal property tax.

If you wish the tags mailed to the above address kindly make a notation to that effect at the time you return the application. Otherwise the tags will be issued and held at this office until called for.

Thanking you for this opportunity of serving you, we are

Very truly yours,

Richard M. Ham,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DIVISION.

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Will you please let us know whether the United States Geographic Board has taken any action in regard to a change in the name of St. Petersburg, the capital of Russia? If so, what is the decision?

If not, we should greatly appreciate the favor if you will tell when the Board will probably take action in the matter. The decision is of great importance to us because we must print some new maps of Europe very soon. If you would let us know your own view as to what should be done, or as to what probably will be done, we should very greatly appreciate that favor also.

There is a divergence of usage in the American newspapers. The New York Sun continues to use the name St. Petersburg, while others which I happen to see use the name Petrograd. The views of individuals, as well as of newspapers, will of course differ, but I suppose that the decision of the United States Geographic Board will ultimately be followed in this country.

Thanking you for the courtesy of your attention to the above requests, we are

Respectfully yours,

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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April 11, 1923

Dear Dr. Merriam:

As a resident of Washington you now have the opportunity not only to protect your own interest in the Federal City in which you live but to render to the whole nation a very real and patriotic service in assisting to bring about a better understanding by the people of the United States of the needs of the Federal City and the dangers by which it is threatened.

Washington is facing a public building program of unprecedented volume to meet the needs of Government. Already the process of tearing down obsolete buildings to make way for modern commercial structures is well along. The development of new areas for homes which has proceeded actively for over a year will continue for some time to come. The park and playground system is sure to be extended. Schools will be built. All this is inevitable.

The catastrophe of a radical departure from the Washington-L'Enfant plan as interpreted and extended by the group of eminent Americans who worked with Senator McMillan's famous committee twenty years ago can only be averted, I believe, as we manage to interest leading Americans all over the United States to understand the Plan and to take action to protect their Federal City. The work done by Daniel H. Burnham, Charles F. McKim, Augustus Saint-Gaudens and Frederick Law Olmsted, and steadily supported by Charles Moore, the Chairman of the commission of Fine Arts, can continue to be effective only as we unite our efforts to bring about the complete realization of the Plan.

In order that you may be informed concerning the situation, we invite you and Mrs. Merriam to join us in an inspection trip about the District of Columbia, and in a dinner conference on the Washington Plan. For the inspection trip the cars will leave I Street at Farragut Square at half past two, Saturday, April 21st, returning by six P.M. The dinner will occur the same evening at half past seven at the National Club A.A.U.W., 1634 I Street, Northwest.

Please advise the Washington office on the enclosed cards of your participation. It is expected to have present with us a number of distinguished Americans definitely interested in the Federal City.

Cordially yours,

J. Horace McFarland
President

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 - 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

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April 7, 1911.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Before Mr. Pinchot left for Europe, he said he felt sure you would be glad to help us by contributing an article to "American Conservation", the new illustrated monthly magazine of this Association. I am sending you a copy of the March number today. I cannot help but feel that I am somewhat presumptuous in asking you for an article, and I am led to do so only through Mr. Pinchot's suggestion and by the interest I know you have in Conservation.

I would not think of going so far as to suggest a subject for you, and will only say that we are trying to make "American Conservation" live,

concrete and specific instead of a publication devoted to essays and theoretical material.

Generally, what we are trying to do is to cover the broad field of Conservation in an interesting and an authoritative manner. It is for this reason that I shall be all the more interested in anything that you can give us out of your fund of experience and observation.

May we venture to hope that you can find it entirely convenient to give us an article? We should like to make it a feature of an early number.

Sincerely yours,

Thos. Dreier

Rec'd. (declining) April 24, 1911
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OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

April 26, 1911.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Sorry you can't give us an article, but I understand how your time is taken up.

The report to which you contributed was that of the National Conservation Commission, which Congress refused to print for distribution. However, the demand was so great that the Government Printing Office has made a reprint which the Superintendent of Documents is selling at $1.95 for the three volumes. I am sorry I have only one for our files here or I should take pleasure in sending you one. I was thinking you, of course, knew about this material.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas R. Shipp

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by Allen Johnson, editor of the
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602 HILL BUILDING 17th STREET WASHINGTON D. C.

February 28, 1927

Declined - March 2, 1927

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Would you have time and inclination to contribute an article on Marcus Baker (1849-1905), cartographer, to our Dictionary? The article should contain not more than six hundred words, and the honorarium, following the uniform rate which we have adopted would be twelve dollars. I should like to have this article by the first of next May. If you will indicate your willingness to write it, I will send you other instructions which I have drawn up for contributors. Acceptance of any article and payment for it will vest all rights to it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise. It would give me great pleasure to have you as a contributor to the Dictionary.

Very truly yours,

Allen Johnson

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November 18, 1927.

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Nov 21, 1927

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would you have time and inclination to contribute an article on

Wm. Healey Dall (1845-1927), specialist in Mollusks;
paleontologist

to our Dictionary? The article should contain not more than 600 words, and the honorarium, following the uniform rate which we have adopted, would be $12.00. I should like to have this article by March 1, 1928. If you will indicate your willingness to write it, I will send you other instructions which I have drawn up for contributors. Acceptance of any article and payment for it will vest all rights to it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise. It would give me great pleasure to have you as a contributor to the Dictionary.

Very truly yours,

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To answer frequent inquiries, the following instructions have been drafted for those preparing articles for the Dictionary of American Biography:

Literary Form

The article should be, as to content and literary form, a fresh and original writing, and should contain nothing infringing any existing copyright. It should give precise and accurate information, based on original sources, in as condensed a form as is consistent with clearness and completeness. At the same time every effort should be made to present the information in a way to attract and interest readers.

Selection of Facts

The selection and arrangement of facts should be made with the utmost care. So far as space and material permit, the writer should not only state but also appraise the circumstances and influences which shaped the career of the subject of the article, such as ancestry, parentage, childhood experiences, educational advantages, physical and social environment.

Arrangement of Facts

The salient facts should be so arranged as to place achievements in their proper perspective. So far as possible, the temperament, character, and physical appearance of the subject of the article should be portrayed, and his personality should be made to stand out against the background of his times.

Bibliography

A concluding paragraph (to be printed in small type) should contain a list of the sources of information and of such previous biographies as are of importance. References in support of any particular statement in the article may be included between brackets in the text; but general references should be collected in the concluding paragraph.

It is expected that the initials of the writer will be appended to each article, and that the writer will amend and add to his article as may be necessary to make it conform to the plan and purpose of the Dictionary. The manuscript should be typewritten.

What Every Article Should Contain

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The American Folk-Lore Society

Gladys A. Reichard, Secretary
Barnard College, New York City

Answ. March 5, 1930

Mar. 3, 1930

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919-16 St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam;-

Thank you for your Memoir subscription to the American Folk-Lore Society. I have written our agents to send you the two current numbers of the Journal and you should receive them within a few days.

I am very sorry to say that at the present time we are not able to furnish Memoir Members with all the Memoirs that come out the year of their subscription. We hope at some future time to be able to do so. But at present we are too dependent on private financial aid. Your subscription will help however as each new one does. But if you like I will postpone the sending of your Memoir until the Index is ready and will send you that instead of Kiowa Tales. Please make your choice by sending back this letter checked and I will have Kiowa Tales sent you at once or will send the Index as soon as it is ready.

Sincerely yours,

Gladys A. Reichard

I prefer to have { KIOWA TALES / INDEX to first forty volumes of JAFL } for my Memoir for 1930.

I want both—Ed.

The American Folk-Lore Society

Gladys A. Reichard, Secretary
Barnard College, New York City

Oct. 10, 1930

Dear Dr. Mezriam;-

As a new member of the American Folk-Lore Society in 1930 you should now have four numbers of the Journal of American Folk-Lore, Nos. 163-166 inclusive, those dated 1929. Will you kindly check your file. If you do not have these numbers please let me know which ones you lack so I can have them sent you. It may be that one or two are lacking because I did not revies the address list until recently. The numbers for 1930 are now in press.

Sincerely yours,

Gladys A. Reichard

THE JOURNAL OF AMERICAN FOLK-LORE

RUTH BENEDICT, EDITOR
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY

April 28, 1934

To the Memoir subscribers of the American Folk-Lore Society:

The recently distributed Memoir, The Folklore of the Antilles by Elsie Clews Parsons, was wrongly inscribed as Memoir XXV instead of the correct XXVI. The remainder of the edition is correctly imprinted, and any Memoir subscribers who are willing to ship their copies back to me express collect will receive correct copies. Please allow four weeks for the exchange.

The editor greatly regrets the inconvenience to the subscribers caused by the mistake.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Benedict
per A. F.

To Acknowledge With Thanks the receipt of

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

As you probably know, The American Forestry Association was not conceived nor is it operated for financial gain. The very nature of the work is such that there is always opportunity to expend all of its income upon useful work, the quantity and quality of which must ever be subject to that income.

Every Life and Patron Member adds strength and stability to the Association and makes us a more powerful organization. During the past year alone more than one hundred and forty new Life Members have been added. It would be very gratifying to number you among this constantly growing list of permanent members. One Hundred Dollars for Life Membership includes the magazine and no further dues, eliminating for you the trouble of yearly renewals.

Will you consider the transfer of your membership to the Life Class and bring to us this added evidence of your hearty support of our work.

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. D. Pratt

President.

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

In your letter of March 8, you certainly gave me a merciless initiation. I appreciate your criticisms, nevertheless, because I know they are prompted by your interest in the magazine, and your desire to help forward the work of the Association. As an editor, I freely admit unbounded inexperience; therefore criticisms are good for my soul.

Without appearing, I hope, to apologize for the magazine's shortcomings, I do think you have rather magnified some of its defects. AMERICAN FORESTRY, as you must appreciate, is not a scientific journal, in a professional sense. Its purpose is to enlist the interest of the lay reader in the cause of forest conservation, and surely some editorial liberty should be allowed, provided it is harmless.

It has been the policy of the magazine, in the past, to give credit on its photographs where credit was requested, a policy followed by many magazines. We are now going further than that, not because we consider the policy dishonest but because it is a pleasure to give credit, where credit is clear. There are always bound to be slips, however, as in the case of Dr. Bailey's photograph in the last issue. It is unfair to assume that because credit does not appear on a photograph, credit has been intentionally denied. We not uncommonly receive photographs which cannot be credited, for lack of information, or for which there is a request that credit be not given.

As to the two pictures of the Pinon, I cannot say that your assumption is right or wrong. I have spent a good many years in the Pinon country, and I have been baffled on the ground by the striking variations in the appearance of the tree. I therefore accepted the author's word in the case in question.

Please do not hesitate to write me, when you have criticisms to offer.

Very truly yours,

Editor.

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Replying to your letter of January 21, we use the term "Redwood" rather indiscriminately in our magazine because it is the term commonly understood by the average layman. I admit its incorrectness from a strictly scientific standpoint, but I think you agree with me that the average person refers to both Sequoia Sempervirens and Sequoia Gigantea as Redwoods. In the case in point I used the word "giant" in a descriptive sense in the same way as I applied it to "Utah's giant fir" page 109 in the February issue.

As to the photograph on page 36 of the January issue, this, according to our information was taken on the property of the Mendocino Lumber Company. I am not sure, but I think all their holdings are in Mendocino County. I can find out specifically, I think, as to the exact locality where it was taken, if you desire to have me do so. I happen to be writing Mr. Mason today and will ask him for the information.

I am most sorry about the topographical error in the name Habernaria. Like most topographical slips it is hard to understand afterwards just how it slipped through, but it did.

Thank you for your good wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Smithsonian Institution,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Your letter of November 29 is received.

I fully agree with you that it is confusing in many cases and particularly in the example you cited to omit the scientific name of many botanical species. In the present case my only plea is my ignorance of the fact that the term myrtle seems to be applied to the bulk of our Pacific coast vegetation.

Please accept my thanks for your interest and suggestions.

Very sincerely,

Tom Gill

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Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

We are endeavoring to locate several good photographs of the Alaskan Black and Grizzley Bears for use in illustrating an article dealing with the Alaskan bear situation. Do you have any photographs, or can you suggest any sources from which we may obtain them? Any help or suggestions you may be able to give us will be deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Ovid Butler

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TRINITY BUILDING, 111 BROADWAY

NEW YORK, November 29, 1911.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, Marin Co.,
California.

Dear Sir:

I am very glad to get your letter of the 23rd this morning, as I feared my letter to you had in some way gone astray. I am enclosing with this a little preliminary prospectus of the National Sportsmen's Association, which was incorporated September 25th, and which will explain something of its objects and aims. A little later we shall print a more elaborate booklet of the Association.

Mr. George Bird Grinnell suggested to me that you should be one of the Honorary Members of the Association. Of course, I have known of you for a great many years by reputation, though I have not personally had the pleasure of meeting you. You will see that we have as Honorary Members such men as Theodore Roosevelt, Secretary of War Stimson and Chief Forester Graves. We shall appreciate it very much if you will permit us to use your name as an Honorary Member and I can assure you that no obligation, pecuniary or otherwise, is involved beyond your good will to the purposes of the Association as stated in the prospectus.

Hoping to hear from you favorably and also hoping to see you later on after your return to Washington, I am,

Yours very truly,

John B. Burnham
President.

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NEW YORK, February 1, 1912.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I think I can remove your objections to one of the objects of this Association as stated in your letter of January 29th, in part, at least, when I state that this Association is heartily in favor of the propagation of game both for shooting and for commercial purposes. As a member of the committee which has just completed the work of codifying the game laws of New York, I would say that the committee has made the law more liberal than heretofore in this respect.

The Association, however, does not stand for market shooting and is opposed to the sale of wild game as a general proposition.

I have been familiar for years with your splendid attainments as a naturalist, and I am particularly desirous to have your name on our list of honorary members. Trusting that you will see fit to accept, and awaiting your reply, I am

Very truly yours,

John B. Burnham

President.

Answ. Feb. 2/12

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NEW YORK, March 22nd, 1912.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth Street,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the American Game Protective and Propagation Association, held on March 12th, 1912, you were duly elected an Honorary Member of this Association. Certificate to this effect has been forwarded under another cover.

Yours very truly,

George M. Fayles
Secretary.

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Answ. Jan. 15, 1913.

NEW YORK, January 14th, 1913.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth Street,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Mr. Charles Sheldon has told us of his talk with you relative to California directorship of this Association and of the mention of a name of Mr. Maillard of San Francisco. In this connection we should like very much, in a confidential way, to have your opinion on the qualifications of some other gentlemen whose names have been mentioned in this connection, provided you happen to know them. The names are as follows:

Ex-Secretary Metcalf
John H. Shoemaker, Los Angeles
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Charles Wheeler, San Francisco
George Wingfield, Reno, Nevada.

Any information you can give us about these gentlemen will be kept confidential and will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

John B Burnham

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NEW YORK, February 6, 1913.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:-

Your kind letter of information was very much appreciated and I trust you will pardon my tardiness in thanking you for it.

With best wishes, believe me

Yours very truly,

John B Burnham

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March 28, 1917.

Dr. C. Hart Merriman,
Washington,
D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriman:-

I am just aware of the fact that Dr. William T. Hornaday has communicated with the various members of the Honorary and Advisory Board of this Association, including yourself, relative to his fight in the State of Iowa for closed seasons on quail and pinnated grouse, which would have been perfectly proper had he not linked this apparently with the innuendo that this Association, through its active officers, had taken action of which you would not approve.

Please understand that this Association knew absolutely nothing about Hornaday's campaign in Iowa and has taken no action to thwart his efforts for securing closed seasons in that state, unless a general article in the last number of our bulletin, which has absolutely no reference to the Iowa situation, can be considered in that light.

The article in question is called "Closed Seasons Versus Scientific Game Preserving". The opening sentences give an idea of the basis of the article.

Mr. Quarles, the author, says:

"It is to be regretted from the standpoint of effective wild life conservation that in many sections of the country closed seasons for long periods are being urged on ruffed grouse and quail without due regard to local conditions. The motives of those voicing this demand are excellent, but they err in regarding this as a panacea for the existing scarcity of these birds." " " " No man worthy of the name of 'sportsman' opposes closed seasons on any species if he can be shown that such seasons will accomplish results".

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Also, on March 13th and 14th, the Executive Council of the Department of Game Breeding of this Association at its annual conference gave one of its certificates of merit to Mr. E. C. Hinshaw, for work done in establishing wild life sanctuaries and for the business-like conduct of his office. The work Mr. Hinshaw has done in establishing sanctuaries in Iowa since he has been Chief Game Warden of that state is well known, but the public is not as well acquainted with the fact that he has made one of the best records of any game commissioner in the United States in the successful prosecution of violators of the Fish and Game Laws of his State.

In a special delivery letter written March 16th, Dr. Hornaday wrote me:

"In the Des Moines Register of March 11th, L. F. Akers publishes an article sustaining Hinshaw and on the strength of the paragraph quoted above from your bulletin, he gives the names of practically all the members of your Advisory Board as backing up Hinshaw. I enclose herewith the article in question which tells its own story." " " Do you consider that it is right for all the gentlemen whose names are included by Akers in his Register article to be quoted as backing up Hinshaw in his fight against the quail and prairie chicken bills now before the Iowa Legislature?"

On the same date, March 16th, I replied to Dr. Hornaday as follows:

"Your letter has just been received. While I believe very strongly in the sincerity and ability of Warden E. C. Hinshaw of Iowa it is not, of course, proper for Dr. Akers in his newspaper article to print the fact that our entire Advisory Committee were behind Mr. Hinshaw, in the sense that they were familiar with the Iowa situation and were giving their personal backing to Mr. Hinshaw. If Dr. Akers had stated that the active officers of the Association believe in Mr. Hinshaw, it would be a statement which could be sustained".

In this connection I also wrote as follows:

"As to the quail I am told they were unusually abundant last year in this section, (Iowa). Pinnated grouse, however, have become so scarce over their entire range that even temporary abundance in limited localities will not justify their hunting. I am very much of the opinion that this is a species which needs protection by closed seasons practically everywhere where it exists in this country".

Dr. Hornaday was at perfect liberty to print my statement that Dr. Akers had no right to use the names of our Advisory Committee in his communication to the Des Moines Register, and I supposed he would so use it. Having been given this information he had no occasion to communicate with the various members of the Committee and, in so doing, I think he has taken an unwarranted action, and I have so written the Doctor.

As in duty bound, I am giving each member of our Advisory Board the facts. If you have any criticisms to make of the action taken by myself, or any of the other officers of the Association, I shall be extremely glad to receive them and to endeavor to profit by your suggestions. Certainly if I have been wrong in any respect I want to know it and take action, because my whole interest is in the effective work of this Association in the cause of game conservation.

Very sincerely yours,

John B Burnham

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May 3, 1920.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sir:

For some time this Association has been advocating a game census and we believe that it is essential that some means be devised whereby the annual kill may be proportioned according to the breeding stock. Various opinions have been expressed as to whether or not it would ever prove practical, and I would greatly appreciate it if you will write me a few lines, giving me your views on this subject.

Personally, I believe that it is both unnecessary and impossible to get any information regarding migratory game birds that would be accurate enough to be of value. However, others do not agree with me on this, and I am writing to every man who I believe is competent to express an opinion for his views on the subject.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

R. P. Holland

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April 17th, 1928.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,
U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Merriam:

You have been a member of the Advisory Committee of the American Game Protective Association for some time and we have deeply appreciated this evidence of your approval of the work of the Association and the help you have tiven in the way of advice and suggestions from time to time.

This Committee is being revised and we would like very much to have the privilege of retaining your name as a member with your permission. Your criticism of the program of the Association for the current year and any suggestions you would care to offer in connection therewith or in relation to the general policies of the Association would be appreciated.

The officers of the Association desire to have its work reflect the most advanced and constructive ideas relating to wild life conservation and will appreciate your views.

Yours sincerely,

Carlos Avery
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Rec'd. May 16, 1928

May 11th, 1928.

Dr. C.Hart Merriam,
U. S.Bureau of Biological Survey,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I have not had a reply to my letter to you of April 17th in which I asked you if we might have the privilege of retaining your name on our Advisory Committee.

I assume that you have no objection otherwise you would have written but I would like very much to have your assurances so that we would be authorized in continuing the use of your name.

We would also appreciate very much having you say frankly what you think about the outline of work the Association is carrying on and to make any suggestions which may occur to you as to improvement of the work.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience, I am

Yours truly,

Carlos Avery

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May 17th, 1928.

Ans'd. May 19, 1928

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr.Merriam:

I am pleased to have your letter of the 16th inst.

I find on checking up our records that your name has been on our Advisory Committee ever since the formation of the committee in the early history of the Association, about 1911 or 1912. The work of the Association in a general way is covered in its periodical bulletin which is issued every two months. It is called AMERICAN GAME. This goes to your address but I find that it is care of the Bureau of Biological Survey and possibly you don't receive it at all. I am having the address changed and will send it to your Sixteenth Street address.

It is not expected that a group of independent thinking men will agree on all points concerning conservation of wild animal life and I note from your letter that your views in some respects are not fully in accord with what the Association has advocated. For instance, it has advocated the buck law. Within certain limits this law seems to have been effective in increasing deer but the instance you cite, that of Pennsylvania indicates that it can be carried to extremes.

The work of the Association throughout most of its history, has been to encourage breeding of game, establishment of sanctuaries and securing of improved federal and state legislation such as the Migratory Bird legislation by Congress and international agreements.

I have recently been elected as President of this Association to succeed Mr. John Burnham who has held the Presidency since the organization of the Association. I want the privilege of retaining your name on our Advisory Committee, if you will permit it, and while I hesitate to impose anything upon you, it

is my intention to keep more closely in touch with the members of the Advisory Committee than has been done in the past. I will promise not to ask you to devote any special time to Association affairs.

You are an Honorary Member of this Association, having been elected as such on March 12th, 1912.

Yours very sincerely,

Carlos Avery

CA:DEW

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Rec'd. May 17, 1930 Answ

May 5, 1930

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I realize that your criticism of the size of AMERICAN GAME is well taken. I have often considered changing it but have delayed doing it in the hope that we would soon be able to issue it as a monthly and in regular magazine form.

Just what size do you consider most appropriate for a publication of this kind? Most of the outdoor magazines, including American Forests and Forest Life, are nearly as large as our publication,

Yours very truly,

Carlos Avery

CARLOS AVERY
President

GAME CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM
of the
AMERICAN GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION FOR 1928.

1. Scientific Research - Continuation of the Grouse investigation. Encouragement of similar investigations of prairie chicken and other species subject to shortages or fluctuating abundance. Encouragement of research in local game management problems by state universities and agricultural colleges.

2. Federal Legislation - Promotion of the Migratory Bird Conservation Bill, the McNary-Woodruff Forestry Bill, the McSweeney Forestry Research Bill, and appropriation bills for Bear River and Cheyenne Bottoms Bird Refuges and Elk Refuges.

3. State Legislation - Co-operation with state game commissions and organized sportsmen in all progressive programs.

4. Co-operation of Sportsmen and Landowners - Promotion of plan adopted at Fourteenth National Game Conference.

5. Control of Vermin - Continuation of effort to determine practical and scientific basis of classification, and effective methods of control of destructive species.

6. International Recreation Park - Promotion of plans for permanent preservation of Ontario-Minnesota Wilderness areas, and of a system of wilderness areas in other National Forests and National Parks.

7. Control of Pollution - Development of plans and methods for prevention and control of pollution of lakes and streams and coastal waters.

8. Game Breeding - Publication of new edition of "American Pheasant Breeding and Shooting". Encouragement of propagation of Bobwhite quail and Hungarian partridge.

9. Surveys - Continuation of local small game survey, wild turkey survey, and co-operation with the Biological Survey in waterfowl census and woodcock survey. Initiation of a survey to determine the status of Jacksnipe.

10. National Game Conference - The Fifteenth annual National Game Conference, December 3rd and 4th, 1928, will be one of the important undertakings in the year.

11. Promotion of Schools to give technical training to administrators of game, to perform research, and to coordinate game management with other forms of land use.

American Geographical Society of New York

1911 - 1924

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November 29, 1911

Dear Dr. Merriam.

I agree with you about this & have written Prof. Davis so that he may at once look for some-one else -

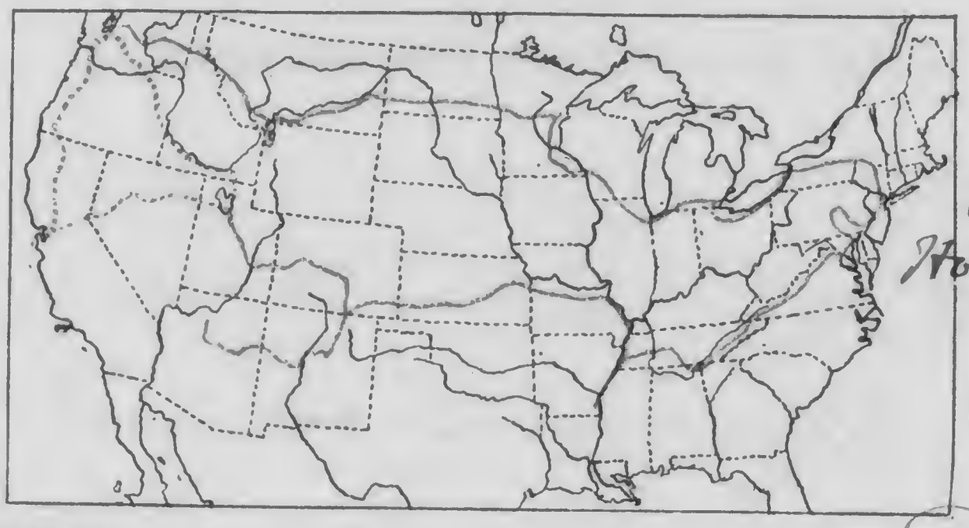
When shall we see you back? Much of interest has come in since you left.

Sincerely

G. S. M.

THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

Transcontinental Excursion of 1912



ALL CORRESPONDENCE
REGARDING THE EXCURSION
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
PROFESSOR W. M. DAVIS, DIRECTOR,
c/o AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY,
BROADWAY AT 156TH ST., NEW YORK, U. S. A.

Addrss—
Hotel du Quai Voltaire,
Paris, VII me

~~NEW YORK CITY,~~ Paris, Nov. 1 1911

My Dear Merriam—

The enclosed circular will inform you regarding an excursion by which the Amer. Geogl. Society propses to celebrate its 60th Anniversary— Fifteen foreign Societies have been invited to appoint Delegates, whom the A. G. S. may welcome as its guests, and twenty excellent names has thus far been sent in— Others will soon be addd—

Of the total 60 or so members, 20 or 30 shd be Americans— & among them I shd like very much to see you as Zoogeographer— But unfortunately, our funds will not suffice to invite all members as guests— Could you come as a paying member?— (Expense about $700)— and attend the whole trip & final meeting in New York— I greatly hope you can do this— A number of others have intimated that they would come on this (paying) basis—

May I hear from you on the matter in Paris

by Dec. 10 – or in New York by Dec. 20? –
A list of members will be issued early in
1912 – In case you can be of the party,
how shd your name appear? – "formerly, Chief
of .... Dept. of Agriculture"? and may
I put you down as Zoögeographer? Sure
you are one –! –
In case you can't go, whom shd I
invite in your stead? How about Jerrit
Miller? –

Sincerely yours

W. E. Davis

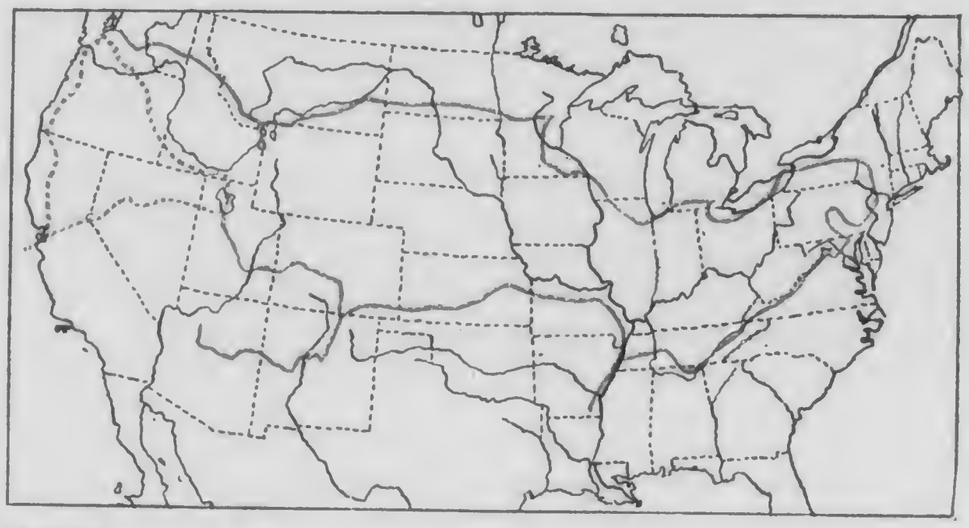
Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington, D.C.

Answ. Nov. 23, 1911

CIRCULAR NO. 1.
JUNE, 1911.

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ROUTE OF THE EXCURSION

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL EXCURSION OF 1912, starting from New York in August and returning in October, will be made in a special train, including sleeping cars, a dining car, and an observation car.

The duration of the excursion will be six or seven weeks. The dates of beginning and ending will be determined by later correspondence and by conference with intending participants, delegated by European geographical societies, who may be present at the International Geographical Congress at Rome in October, 1911.

The excursion will offer no hardship to persons in good health. The monotony of overland travel by rail for forty or fifty days will be reduced by providing all possible comforts of equipment, by frequent stops for short excursions on foot or otherwise, by occasional nights in hotels, and by abundant discussion of geographical problems.

The extreme points included in the proposed route are Seattle (and if possible San Francisco) on the Pacific coast, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in northern Arizona, and Chattanooga in eastern Tennessee. The route now planned is as follows:

New York City ; highlands and gorge of the Hudson River ; Helderberg escarpment near Albany ; Mohawk Valley ; drumlin district in western New York ; Niagara Falls; Buffalo.

Cleveland ; the lacustrine plain and abandoned shore lines of former pro-glacial lakes in northern Ohio ; Toledo and its drowned valley harbor ; Detroit and its drowned river ; rolling drift prairies of southern Michigan ; sand dunes and marshes around the southern end of Lake Michigan.

Chicago ; the artificial outlet of Lake Michigan into the Illinois-Mississippi system ; drumlins and terminal moraines of the Green Bay glacial lobe ; Baraboo Ridge ; upper Mississippi River and Lake Pepin ; St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Duluth ; the Minnesota iron-ore district ; the prairie of glacial Lake Agassiz ; the Missouri River at Bismarck, N. D. ; the plains of North Dakota and eastern Montana ; the bad lands of the Little Missouri River ; Yellowstone National Park and the canyon of the Yellowstone River.

The ranges of the Rocky Mountains in southern Montana ; the Bozeman and other intermont basins ; Butte ; Lake Cœur d'Alene ; Spokane ; the lava plains of Washington ; the Cascade Range ; Seattle ; Puget Sound.

Returning : The Dalles of the Columbia River ; the lava plains of Idaho ; the canyon of Snake River (or if possible by a longer route, from Seattle southward to San Francisco, thence eastward over the Sierra Nevada and across the desert intermont plains of Nevada and Utah).

Salt Lake City ; the dissected fault scarp of the Wasatch Range ; the abandoned shore lines of Lake Bonneville ; the Book Cliffs of ~~southern~~ northern Utah ; Grand Junction, Colo., and its irrigated orchards ; the Sawatch Range ; South Park; Colorado Springs ; Denver ; ascent of the Front Range and return (by train).

Pueblo ; the Royal Gorge of the Arkansas River ; detour southwestward passing the southern end of the Rocky Mountains to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and westward to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in northern Arizona ; return eastward, the plains of eastern Colorado and Kansas ; Kansas City on the Missouri River.

St. Louis ; Memphis ; the Yazoo Basin ; the Mississippi River at Greenville, Miss. ; Nashville ; Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain ; the Blue Ridge ; the Piedmont Plateau and the Coastal Plain.

Washington ; visits to various governmental scientific bureaus ; the Falls of the Potomac River ; Chesapeake Bay ; the Susquehanna River and the Allegheny Ridges of central Pennsylvania ; New York.

The route, as indicated above, is subject to change. A definite statement of the route will be made in the Spring of 1912, and a brief account of the chief features of geographical interest will be prepared for the use of members of the excursion.

Various phases of geographical science will be represented by the American members of the excursion, who will, as far as possible, act as guides for the European visitors. The features of the landscape will necessarily be the first objects of observation in an excursion across a continent ; but attention will be given to various other matters, among which the following may be enumerated :

The location of cities ; relation of transportation lines to topographical features ; problems of water supply at New York, Chicago and St. Louis, and of water power at Niagara and various points in the west ; corn and wheat on the prairies ; wheat elevators and flour mills at Minneapolis ; cotton in the Mississippi Valley ; various mining industries, including those of the anthracite coal district in Pennsylvania, of the iron district of Minnesota, and of various mining districts in the west ; the mixed foreign populations attracted by these and other industries ; cattle ranching on the plains ; Indian reservations in the Western States : reclamation and irrigation in the semi-humid districts ; forests in the Cascade Mountains and lumber mills on Puget Sound ; dry farming and fruit farming in Washington and Colorado, etc., etc.

The meeting in New York at the close of the Excursion will occupy two days. The foreign members of the party will be invited to make brief and informal communications on objects that have excited their interest, and to describe European parallels to American examples. Provision will be made for the subsequent publication of the papers thus submitted.

W. M. DAVIS,
Director of Excursion.

THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
OF NEW YORK
BROADWAY AT 156TH STREET

June 26, 1915.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Lagunitas, Marin County
California

Dear Dr. Merriam:

The J. B. Lippincott Company has sent us for review in our Bulletin Dr. Dall's Biography of Professor Baird. We wish to have it reviewed by some one who can authoritatively characterize the book and its subject. We regret that the space assigned must of necessity be short. We have room for not over 700 words.

We would rather have you review the book for us than anyone else. Can you do us this favor? If so we shall be greatly obliged. Our Society pays for its book reviews. I enclose an addressed postal.

Sincerely yours,

Cyrus C. Adams

Editor, Bulletin.

P.S. Books are forwarded to reviewers and returned to us at our expense.

Agreed to do it
June 11, 1915 - CHM

THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
OF NEW YORK
BROADWAY AT 156TH STREET

February 21, 1916

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
The Northumberland
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

In Dr. Bowman's absence on account of illness allow me to answer your letter of February 18. Your review of Dall's Biography of Spencer F. Baird was duly received. We very much regret that its receipt was not acknowledged. It is at present in the hands of the printers to be published in the March number of "The Geographical Review", our monthly magazine.

Assuring you of our very special appreciation of your assistance, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. L. G. Joerg

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VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON
IN CARE OF
AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
BROADWAY AT 156TH STREET
NEW YORK

Answ'd. Jan. 12, 1925

December 17, 1924.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

Thanks very much for your letter of December 9th with its valuable comments on bears and the other animals mentioned in the paper Dr. Nelson sent you, written by Edison Marshall of Medford, Oregon. As you may have gathered, I have been carrying on a correspondence with him about wolves.

You interest me especially in the last paragraph of your letter, where you draw a distinction between the big wolves of Eurasia and those of North America. I am, of course, aware that similar animals in different countries often differ markedly in their habits. I am, for instance, willing to believe that the African leopard is much more likely to attack human beings than his American cousin. I had been thinking it at least equally probably, however, that the greater ferocity of the Eurasian wolves was due to their distance from us and the fewness of the stories we have actually investigated. I talked last year, for instance, with a Professor of Geology from Siberia (Tomsk) who was emphatic about the everyday fact that wolves kill people in Russia. But that man told me later that he had talked with a friend of his who was a special student of Russian and Siberian wild animals and who was most skeptical about the wolf stories.

But the point that I have been specially looking into is not the question of whether one or two or half a dozen wolves may or actually do attack and kill people. My keener interest is in the problem of whether the Russian "wolf pack" is as mythical as the American "wolf pack." I consider it pretty clear that whenever you see anything like six or eight wolves together in North America, you are seeing a family, the father and mother, or more likely just the mother with pups that seem fullgrown at a distance but are really less than a year old. As I understand it, the essential idea behind the ~~word~~ phrase "wolf pack" is a gathering of several adult wolves not of one litter for purposes of co-operation in hunting. What caught my eye in your last paragraph was the distinction you draw between Eurasian and American wolves, and I wondered whether you had any evidence or any reason to believe that Eurasian wolves really do co-operate in packs as the story books would have it. I would appreciate very much a brief letter on this point. If you have some evidence which you consider probably correct but which you have not actually investigated, I hope you will give me the exact reference so that I can follow the matter up. I am trying to make a really exhaustive study of the evidence as to "wolf packs."

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 - 16th Street,
Washington, D. C.

V. Stefansson

American Indian Association

1929- 1930

Francis V. Boyer, Senior
Great Councillor

AMERICAN INDIAN ASSOCIATION

Rex Theatre Bldg.

Wheeling, W. Va.

Dues 1.50 Rec'd
Dec. 31, 1929

Dear Member:

We are compelled at this time to send out this letter to all our members. Many of them have not paid dues for 1928 or 1929.

We are greatly in need of funds so that we may carry on the great work we are trying to do among the many needy ones of our race.

If your dues have been paid you need not consider this letter, if not, will you please let us have your check:

Dues for regular members $4.00 each year:
Dues for associate members $1.50 each year.

We are endeavoring to print the Tepee Magazine again but we can do nothing however if we do not get the dues from the members.

We are sure you have the interest of the American Indian Association at heart, and that you as a member will do all in you power to help us carry on this great work.

Thanking you for an early reply, and knowing the Great Spirit will bless you, we remain

Ever on-going,

Francis V. Boyce

Francis V. Boyce,
Running Bear,
Senior Great Councillor, A.I.A.,
Rex Theatre Bldg.,
Wheeling, W. Va.

P. S. The next meeting of Great Council will be held in New York City during the month of January 1930, at which time we will have the election and appointment of officers. Ballots will also be mailed out to all members at that time.

American Indian Association

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Wheeling W Va
Feb. 2/30

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Dear Sir

At the Great Council of the american Indian assin held at N. Y. city Jan. 23rd. yaw were elected in the National staff - in the Department of the Advisory Councils. will yaw accept.

We had a dandy meet, the best ever held and are doing much good Work.

Kindly let me hear from yaw so as we can get the printing to press.

Sincerely
Francis V Boyce
Senior Councilor.
Rot Theatre Bldg
Wheeling W Va.



The Eagle of the Skies

American Institute of Colored Literature

1925

By Shaw M. Mathews

C. Hart Merriam
Chief
Div. of Ornithology
and Mammalogy

The University of Chicago

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CHAIRMAN

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS January 22, 1925

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
1919 - 16th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I am sure that through the public press, if not in your own experience, you have been made aware of a difficult situation. Some who are trying to do constructive, progressive religious teaching, and many scientists who are seeking to do honest and careful work in the classroom and the laboratory, are finding obstructions placed in the way of progress by earnest people who have little appreciation of science, and whose religion savors rather of an inherited system of dogma than a progressing, enlarging, Christian experience and life. This situation can be remedied through a more widespread knowledge of some of the recent facts of science, now the possession of a few, and a more generous appreciation of what constitutes religion.

Through this Institute we are trying to help matters by circulating free or at cost of printing, many thousands of brief pamphlets containing in simple form, scientific facts and designed to stimulate the power to see truth as a unity in whieh the fears of those who tremble for what they call the "fundamentals" have no place. Some of these pamphlets you have already seen. We are enclosing the latest one written from the point of view of astronomy.

The enclosed slip will suggest to you the extent of this propaganda work which we are carrying on, our distribution going to ministers, educators, scientists, students politicians and laymen, not only in America but in foreign lands. It will also inform you as to the sources from which this distribution is financed.

Among the contributors to this phase of our work is an increasing number of scientists, some of whom have become deeply interested in what we are doing. Their gifts have ranged from five to twenty dollars each. We would consider it a great privilege to add your name to this list. It is possible that you may know of laymen with scientific interests who might also aid us in what we regard as the joint task of men of science and men of religion.

We crave your cooperation to the fullest extent. May we hear from you at an early date in order that we may know whether we may count upon you for either a contribution or a suggestion of names.

Cordially yours,

Shailer Mathews
Chairman of the Executive Committee

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Chairman of the Executive Committee

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"THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING"

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The spectacle of the starry heavens is the privilege of everyone who has eyes with which to see. It is only necessary to escape from the glare of artificial light which modern civilization finds needful for its streets and public places. In the quiet of the country, or on the upper deck of a steamer, or, best of all, from the vantage of a mountain peak, we can obtain without instruments and without guidebook, if the night be clear and if there be no moon, a view of the richness of the stellar heavens which well repays the slight effort required. If it is a transparent night, the eye beholds the stars of many degrees of brightness and of varied shades of color, shining steadily from above and twinkling near the horizon, while some brilliant planet with serene radiance may be a dominant factor in the scene, or as Milton says:

> . . . . now glowed the firmament
> With living sapphires; Hesperus that led
> The starry host rode brightest.

Athwart the arch of the heavens will appear the soft outline of the Milky Way,

> Which nightly as a circling zone thou seest
> Powder'd with stars.

This scene is one of beauty not soon to be forgotten. Such a view can hardly fail to inspire in the observer a feeling of wonder and of worshipful admiration of this partial exhibit of the external universe.

If the watch of the glittering sky is maintained for some time, or repeated at a later hour, the stately motion of the stars becomes apparent as our planet turns beneath them. Such views, as we have said, are the heritage of all who will take them, and have been shared alike by the untutored savages and by those of cultured mind since human eyes first began to look upward. The pleasure is the greater for those who have often watched the stars and have come to know the constellations, so that each hour of the night brings new but familiar stellar friends into view. It cannot be questioned that every increase of our appreciation of the creation must en-

hance our respect for its Creator. It is equally clear that the expansion of our knowledge, due to deeper study with the use of powerful instruments and a better interpretation of the significance of what we see, can only add reverence to our respect. As was said by the philosopher Kant, one of the first to formulate a theory of the development of the solar system,

> Two things there are that inspire wonder and constantly increasing reverence the oftener and the more they are considered—the starry heavens above me and the moral law within me.

The marvelous photographs which are now being obtained reveal a wealth of celestial splendor that is almost appalling. Interpretation is necessary to understanding, and we shall try to give an idea of the enormous span of the material universe, of the immense number of luminous objects it contains, and of the vast reaches of time which are required for their development.

The brightness of the stars gives us no certain indication of their distance. This must be determined by the most precise of measurements made with the most powerful of instruments. The stars

differ in their glory because some are enormous giants while others are dwarfs like our sun. Some are white stars with intensely brilliant surfaces, while others are ruddy, with fading radiance. Some are known to be non-luminous—relatively if not absolutely dark.

Our ideas of size may be quite incorrect. The sun and the moon, for example, appear to be of the same size in the sky, but the proper measurements show that the sun has a diameter 400 times that of the moon. Because it happens to be also 400 times as far away, it presents the same angular diameter to the eye. We, of course, recognize that the sun is very much brighter than the moon; we should hardly guess what the measurements show, that it is more than 500,000 times as bright. Our interpretation of what we see must therefore always be dependent upon most patient and minute measurements extending over long periods of time.

As our appreciation of the sizes and distances in the universe has increased, new units of length, mass, and time have to be employed to express the vast quantities in question. It was once the

custom, and still is in some parts of the world, to state the distance between two points on the earth by the time it would require to walk that distance. Thus, a Swiss native will tell you that it is two hours to the next village. In astronomy we have to adopt similar expedients for giving the idea of the immense distances involved. It is hardly possible for us to grasp the significance of such a moderate distance as that from the earth to the sun, often taken as the unit of length in measurements of the solar system. That it is 93,000,000 miles means little, for few of us can appreciate the quantity known as 1,000,000. Let us try to realize how enormous this system is by the use of a modern illustration:

The speed of 100 miles an hour is not uncommon for an airplane. Suppose, then, that some tireless aviator in a machine carrying an inexhaustible supply of fuel could fly on without stop at this rate. Hurrying on by day and night, he would pass around the earth at the Equator in 10 days, traversing 2,400 miles per day. If we now suppose that his machine could fly across the vast airless space beyond the earth's atmos-

phere at the same speed, he would reach the moon, the earth's little brother, in 100 days, but to arrive at the sun, our aviator would need also the gift of perpetual youth, for at this constant speed of 100 miles per hour, 106 years would be required to reach the sun. The planet Saturn would be passed in 1,000 years, and Neptune, which is at the frontier of the solar system so far as is known at present, would be attained in 3,000 years of ceaseless flight. Leaving the solar system, our imaginary aviator would now begin his real passage through the desert waste of space, and it would take him 27,000,000 years to reach our nearest stellar neighbor, the system of Alpha Centauri. To cross this stretch of void, the swift rays of light require $4\frac{1}{3}$ years.

For stellar distances the unit known as the light-year has been found to be most convenient. It is the distance that light would cover in a year traveling in empty space at the uniform speed of 186,000 miles per second, or 11,000,000 miles per minute. This unit is 63,000 times the astronomical unit, or the distance from the earth to the sun; the

light-year is, in fact, only a little short of six million million miles. Only 500 seconds are required for light to pass from the sun to the earth; it would take light to reach us from Neptune slightly more than 4 hours; from the nearest known star, $4\frac{1}{3}$ years, as mentioned above; from the average star visible in a small telescope, about 800 years, or, in other words, the distance would be 800 light-years. Our whole conception of the scale of the sidereal universe has increased very greatly since the beginning of the present century. Previous to that it had been possible to measure with accuracy the distance of hardly more than a dozen stars; now we have fairly reliable determinations of the distances of several thousand.

Careful investigations have recently been made which show that, counting our own sun as one and at the center, there are only 105 stars situated in an imaginary sphere in space having a diameter of 65 light-years. This illustrates the enormous vacant spaces around each star.

Although the stars may seem innumerable to one who is looking upon

them on a perfect night from a well-chosen station, yet, as a matter of fact, hardly more than 2,000 are thus visible to one person at any one time. The fainter stars are vastly more numerous than those seen by the naked eye. In fact, only one-twentieth of the starlight which may guide the wayfarer at night is due to the stars which he can see; nineteen-twentieths of the illumination is due to stars too faint to be seen as such. Estimates of the total number of stars must necessarily be very uncertain, and allowance has to be made for those which are beyond the reach of our present telescopes, but the evidence is that *they are not infinite in number*. A recent estimate has placed the number of luminous stars at about fifteen hundred million; several million have already been catalogued on the photographic charts of the heavens.

Let us now consider the dimensions and qualities of a star, taking our sun as an example, although it is smaller than the average star. It contains over 300,000 times more matter or mass than the earth, and its volume or bulk exceeds that of the earth more than 1,000,000

times; in other words, over 1,000,000 planets like our earth could be put inside our sun. It emits heat as would a perfectly radiating surface at a temperature of about 11,000° F., but in the interior its temperature may reach several hundred thousand degrees. The continuous radiation from a square yard of the sun's surface expressed as power is about 1,000,000 horse-power. This is vastly more than could be produced if the sun were of the best coal burning in pure oxygen. In fact, the temperature of the sun is so high that there could be no burning or oxidization. The source of the sun's heat and its steady maintenance are not yet fully understood. If a gaseous ball like our sun contracts, as it must under the enormous pressure of its own gravitation, which is twenty-seven fold that at the earth's surface, then the present supply of heat resultant from this continuous compression would last perhaps for 50,000,000 years, but the geological evidence indicates that one thousand million years or more are required for the development of our earth to its present condition. This is from twenty to fifty times the time avail-

able on the contraction theory. New discoveries of radio-activity suggest new sources of heat from the transformation of the elements in the sun, which are probably adequate for its maintenance for as many billions of years as may be required. The sun's material is chiefly or wholly gaseous with an average density not twice that of water; it contains vast amounts of vapors of iron and of metals familiar on the earth, together with enormous amounts of permanent incandescent gases like hydrogen and helium. In fact, about one-half of the elements found on the earth have already been demonstrated by the spectroscope to be present in the sun; the others are doubtless there, but are not brought out under the conditions of the sun's radiation.

We have thus tried to give an idea of the immense scale of our sun and of its characteristics; but we must remember that it is less than an average star. It has been found, however, that the mass in the stars is not so much greater than that of the sun, but the size and hence the volume may be vastly greater. Thus, recent measurements of the diame-

ters of a few of the stars have indicated that such stars as Betelgeuse and Antares have a bulk of from thirty to forty million times that of the sun! Other stars vastly exceed our sun in brilliance; thus Rigel, one of the glories of the constellation of Orion in the winter sky, would be at least ten thousand times as bright as our sun if we could come as near to it as we are to the sun.

The spectroscope, one of the magic instruments of modern research, spreads out the light of a star into a band of color with red at one end of the band, violet at the other, and myriad hues between. There are gaps in the band, some very narrow and some broad, which are called the lines of the spectrum and which teach us many important things about the physics and chemistry of the stars. When photographs of these stellar spectra are compared with each other, it is found that they may be arranged in a long series merging from one into the next, and representing successive stages of the evolution of the stars. These changes must occur in general very slowly, requiring periods of

time far beyond any possibility of record in the lifetime of a race, but we may be as confident of the progress of the stars' evolution as a child at an early age is certain that human beings pass through various stages of life from youth to age; the child realizes that these changes must occur although he has not lived long enough to see them. There are many points in stellar evolution which require for their explanation much more than our present knowledge, and, as a matter of fact, we are just now decidedly unsettled in our views as to the relation of the stars to the nebulae, but all the evidence points toward an orderly evolution of celestial bodies.

Much attention has been given in recent years to the globular clusters of stars. These are immense systems roughly spherical in their shape, containing vast numbers of brilliant suns. They appear in the telescope so crowded that they overlap each other and become a hazy mass in the central portion. In reality they must be billions of miles apart, although clearly members of one relatively compact system in which the movements of each is under the gravita-

tional control of all. There may well be a million stars in the great cluster in Hercules, which is faintly visible to the naked eye as a little patch of hazy light. Fairly accordant estimates of the distance from us of these clusters made by different methods place the nearer of these remarkable objects at a distance of some 20,000 light-years, and the more remote at some 200,000 light-years. In other words, if a star in one of the more distant clusters should suddenly explode, 200,000 years would be required for the rays of light to bring us the visible news of that catastrophe. The fact that there is no great difference in the conditions in the nearer of these clusters as compared to those most remote shows that their development proceeds very slowly, requiring periods of time almost beyond our imagination. We can sweep over vast periods of time as well as depths of space.

There is another class of celestial objects which are of the greatest interest and which have been studied in the last few years with success by photography. These are the spiral and spheroidal nebulae. Perhaps a million of them are

within reach of our present photographic telescopes. Estimates of their distance are very difficult to make, and vary greatly according to the method used, but it cannot be doubted that some of them may be a million light-years from us. One of these is visible to the naked eye as a fuzzy little spot in the constellation of Andromeda. It may be one of the nearest of the spiral nebulae. The spectroscope demonstrates that it is approaching us with a speed in the line of sight of one one-thousandth that of light-rays—that is, about 186 miles per second. If this speed and direction have been maintained for the past billion years, then this spiral has come nearer by a million light-years in that time. It is agreed among astronomers that there may be visible objects at a distance of a million light-years. This, then, may give us some little idea of the modern findings as to the scale of God's universe.

Can anyone doubt that the recognition of the immense size and detail of the celestial universe must give to all who consider it a new and larger idea of the Cause behind it? There is no adequate evidence known to the writer that the

universe is automatic, that it has within itself the power to make the laws which govern it. Mere matter cannot be imagined to be endowed with such capacity. The universe is a cosmos, as has been indicated in what we have already said, and from evidence which we shall cite farther on. It is not a haphazard aggregation of fortuitous and accidental bodies moving without system or order. It is perfectly true that we cannot comprehend in spite of all the efforts of science the whence and the whither or the why of all this. Nor is it to be supposed that these problems will ever be solved by the human mind. Each generation of students may contribute its little part, and sometimes the questions are pushed a little farther back toward the cause, but Omniscience would doubtless be required to understand the works of Omnipotence.

The thought may occur to some that in a universe on such a tremendous scale there would be no place for small objects, that the minute might be regarded as of no importance. The answer is that the laws of the universe apply equally to the almost infinitesimal parts, the molecule,

and the atoms of which it is composed, as they do to the gigantic bodies which it includes. The marvelous experimental researches in physics of recent years have taught us that the atom is a very complicated structure and that the electrons move within the atom somewhat as do the planets around the sun, and indeed with no greater crowding than occurs in the case of the planets; yet these inconceivably minute electrons follow the laws of the universe quite as truly as do the major structures. The Omniscience which we predicate can take within its ken the infinitesimal as well as the infinite. Does not this give us a more spiritual view of the Author of the Universe? It is so evidently "a house not made with hands"; it transcends so far anything that could be produced by any infinitely magnified model of the human form that we must recognize that only a spiritual power can lie behind it. It is not surprising that, in the dawn of civilization, men, in their very limited knowledge, imagined their Creator as merely a superman, to whom they attributed many of the faults of human nature, whose domain embraced only

that of their own tribe. Yet some of the writers caught at times the idea of the grandeur of the universe, as the psalmist when he said:

> When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
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> What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Now, although the earth is so insignificant and man and his works are so small, even in relation to the earth, it is interesting to consider what astronomy teaches as to the unity of the universe. Might we not expect that among the millions of suns we should find a great many kinds of matter representing thousands of chemical elements? We do not, however, find such variety, and the testimony of the spectroscope is sufficient. The atom of hydrogen is shown to be the same throughout the universe, and it is found in every self-luminous celestial object yet observed. Similarly, the atoms of the other elements do not vary from star to star. With only one or two exceptions, all the chemical elements are found on earth that are

known to exist in any of the celestial bodies. One exception is the gaseous element nebulium, which is a permanent constituent of one class of nebulae. It is still possible that this will be found on the earth, although there is no place for it in the present series of elements of the chemist. Perhaps it is not an element, but a combination of elements, a molecule. But aside from such exception, we learn that our sun is like the most distant star, and that our earth is chemically quite the same as the sun, and finally that our own bodies are composed of the more common elements of the earth. Thus, we may truly regard ourselves as samples of the whole universe. This may well give us the sense of a new dignity as citizens of the cosmos. We may even go so far as to think that the combination of spirit in material body such as we possess may not be of great variety, and that we may be not vastly dissimilar from beings which may inhabit other planets circling around their appointed suns. Science at present cannot either affirm or deny the existence of such planets; they are beyond the reach of modern telescopes. The largest planet

of our own system, Jupiter, would be wholly beyond detection with our telescopes from the distance of the nearest star. Our sun occupies no central or pre-eminent position among the stars—merely one of thousands of suns which seem to have passed somewhat beyond the middle point of their evolution. There is no logical reason to suppose that our sun is any better fitted to have planets about it than thousands of others, or that the planet earth should be highly exceptional. It is granted that mathematicians find great difficulty in understanding how a system of planets can develop around a star, but we know that such a system exists in the case of our sun, and it is difficult to believe that a similar development has not occurred for vast numbers of other suns. In the words of Pope:

He, who through vast immensity can pierce,
See worlds on worlds compose one universe,
Observe how system into system runs,
What other planets circle other suns,
What varied being peoples every star,
May tell why Heaven has made us as we are.

If it may be permitted to an astronomer to consider the social development of

the earth from a planetary standpoint, that is, as merely one of many presumptive planets with possible inhabitants, then we shall have to admit that this social evolution has been very slow, almost discouraging, in spite of all that Christianity has done for it. Paleontologists teach us that man has lived upon the earth for some 75,000 years. Nevertheless, one of man's chief occupations during much of this period has been to take from his neighbor, by force if necessary, even to the point of murder, that which he desires for himself. He has been suspicious of his fellow-men living in different parts of the earth with ways and habits unlike his own. He has had the strongest of prejudices against those who may differ from him in race and color. This is not a reproach to Christianity, for Christianity has been the principal cause of improvement in these matters. Nevertheless, collective murder is still current in the world, and it seems difficult enough to get rid of it. We can imagine planets that have developed otherwise, with brotherly love as the main motive in life, planets where the altruistic

principles of Christianity have reached a far higher development than here. But this is the only planet with which we can have any contact, so far as science foresees at present, and although we may be heartily ashamed that there is so much evil on the earth, we must make the best of the situation and try to improve it. Let not the reader misunderstand us to be advocating the policy of pure pacifism. The destructive tendencies of individuals and nations must be controlled, and controlled by force if necessary. The good Samaritan of the parable was commended; but would he not have been a better Samaritan if he had done his duty as a citizen and had taken up responsibilities which the priest and the Levite had shunned, and had seen to it that the road to Jericho was so policed and so protected that robbery would have been impossible on that highway? From the planetary point of view, the most thorough application of the principles of Christianity seems to be the only way to bring our planet up to the moral standard to be expected of it.

The principle of faith is not at all foreign to science and to its workers, and

this faith is quite akin to that of religion. The labor of scientists is chiefly directed by their faith in great principles, and by their firm belief that the universe is one of law. Otherwise why should men and women give up their lives in patient research in the endeavor to discover the principles which hold true and are part of the laws of nature? There would be no encouragement to such research if the operations of nature were purely capricious and without law. The process of scientific discovery is that of following some incomplete working hypothesis or theory based upon previous experiment or observation, and then of testing this hypothesis by further experiment and observation, holding to that part of it which proves to be good, and improving it as the work proceeds. Such faith in the eternal principles of the Creator, as we have said, differs not much from Christian faith in the eternal moral principles of God.

The idea of immortality of spirit is also not far different from some fundamental beliefs of the physicists. The name is different, and conservation of energy is the principle. This affirms that the

sum total of energy in the universe is constant, changeable from one form to another, but essentially immortal. Now this principle, to our thinking, cannot be rigorously demonstrated any more than can the immortality of spirit. Those who have crossed into the realm of spirit do not communicate with mortals; at least, there seems to be no thoroughly scientific evidence of such communication. The conservation of energy can be tested by experiment only within a limited field.

Another illustration is the theory of an all-pervading aether, a theory which has been tenaciously held by physicists for a century past. It is difficult, if not impossible, to demonstrate the objective reality of aether, but the mind demands the existence of a medium by which the waves of light may transfer their energy across the almost limitless void of space from distant suns or nebulae. Although the recent theory of Einstein, which postulates the aether in its initial stages as a theory, abandons it before it is through, it still remains to be seen whether or not a substitute for the aether has been found which

will be permanently acceptable to science.

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why there should be an apparently deliberate effort to develop or to maintain an estrangement between these two forms of effort to gain useful knowledge.

We cannot be expected to believe that the inspiration of the seekers for truth has been confined only to those of certain limited periods, or of a certain race, or that the inspiration was ever complete, or that it ever has ceased to be given in some degree to honest workers in the quest for truth. For us, the two friends, Milton and Galileo, were glorious illustrations of inspired men of their time.

We have no worry about miracles. The marvels of life and growth that are daily seen about us in a natural way seem miraculous almost beyond belief, yet they are observed facts. Who can find the mathematical formulae under which that little bulb in my garden, subject only to the environment of soil, of water, and of air, can send up its shoots in April of each year, and develop in its exquisite detail the trumpet narcissus, always essentially the same and gathering up from its surroundings that delicate odor characteristic of it? Beside it may

grow the dandelion, subject to the same external conditions, but so different in the result.

Again, we are still very far from understanding how that frail, bright-hued bird can find his way across some hundreds of miles of sea and thousands of miles of land, back again to that maple tree where last year the nest was built. Yet, when at last such mysteries are solved after patient research, it will, of course, be found that they are operations of natural law in God's world. For Omniscience and Omnipotence there are no miracles. The development of a human being is doubtless as complicated as that of a star, but from the atom to the star and from the microbe to the man, we can believe that the same divine power holds sway.

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Dear Sir: In our July number we intend publishing an article by Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler on the Washington Memorial Institution, and would be greatly obliged to you for a recent photograph of yourself from which to make an illustration to be used in this connection.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, we remain,

Very truly yours,
Albert Shaw
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